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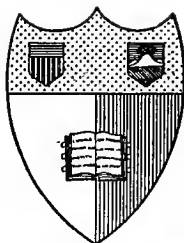
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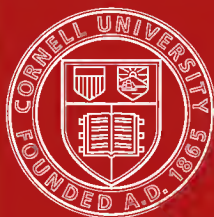
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OF  
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OF  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*Adopted June 10th, A. . L. . 5869.*

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ALSO THE  
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## PREFACE.

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M.·. W.·. Brother John J. Bell, in the introduction to the original compilation, said :

“ At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in June, A.·. L.·. 5867, numerous amendments to the Constitution having been proposed, which seemed to indicate a desire and necessity for a thorough revision of that instrument, the following resolution was adopted :

“ ‘ *Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to revise the Grand Constitution and General Regulations of this Grand Lodge, and report at the next Semi-Annual Communication ; and that all amendments now pending, or that may be proposed at this Communication, be referred to said Committee.’ ”

“ Bros. John J. Bell, John A. Harris, and William Barrett were appointed the Committee for that purpose.

“ At the Annual Communication in June, A.·. L.·. 5868, the Committee submitted their report in print, which was read and copies thereof distributed to the members present. The consideration of the proposed new Constitution was postponed to the Annual Communication, A.·. L.·. 5869, at which time it was taken up and carefully considered, such amendments made thereto as seemed to be required, and finally adopted.

“ By a subsequent resolution, the undersigned was requested to prepare forms and directions for the use of the Lodges under the new Constitution, to be printed as an appendix to the Constitution.

“I have endeavored, in pursuance of that request, to prepare such forms and directions as are necessary to the proper discharge of the duties required by the Constitution.

“An index has also been prepared, which, it is hoped, will render all parts of the Constitution readily accessible to all.”

This edition is simply a revision of the Constitution of 1869, with such amendments as have since been enacted.

Included herein is a synopsis of approved decisions and rulings in cases before Grand Lodge. This is but a digest, and when possible the full text, as it appears in the proceedings to which reference is made, should be examined. The digest embraces all decisions and rulings since the adoption of the present Constitution.

Masters and secretaries should become familiar with both Constitution and digest.

# CONSTITUTION.

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## PART I.

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### OF THE GRAND LODGE.

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#### *ARTICLE I.*

##### STYLE AND TITLE.

SECTION 1. The style and title of the Grand Lodge is: "THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE."

#### *ARTICLE II.*

##### OFFICERS AND MEMBERS, THEIR STYLE AND TITLE.

SECTION 2. The Grand Lodge consists of its Officers, and the Masters and Wardens, for the time being, of the several particular Lodges under its jurisdiction, or their legally appointed Proxies, and one Representative of each Lodge, to be elected by its members; together with all Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Wardens, and Past District Deputy Grand Masters, while they retain their allegiance to this Grand Lodge, and the members of the Committees on Jurisprudence, and Trials and Appeals.

SECTION 3. The Officers of the Grand Lodge are, in addition to the Grand Master, whose style is Most Worshipful :

- a Deputy Grand Master,
- a Senior Grand Warden,
- a Junior Grand Warden,
- a District Deputy Grand Master in each District,
- a Grand Treasurer,
- a Grand Secretary,
- a Grand Lecturer for the State,
- a Grand Lecturer in each District,
- two Grand Chaplains, whose style is Right Worshipful :
- a Senior Grand Deacon,
- a Junior Grand Deacon,
- a Grand Marshal,
- four Grand Stewards,
- a Grand Sword Bearer,
- two Grand Pursuivants, whose style is Worshipful :
- a Grand Tyler, who is not entitled to any vote in the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 4. The appointment of the Proxy of the Master or Warden of a particular Lodge to represent him in the Grand Lodge shall be in writing, signed by the Principal, and shall designate at what Communication of the Grand Lodge the Proxy shall act, and shall be for one Communication only, and shall be void if the Principal appear in person.

SECTION 5. All Officers and members of the Grand Lodge must be Master Masons, holding allegiance to this Grand Lodge. Representatives of particular Lodges must be members of the Lodges they respectively represent.

SECTION 6. No Master or Warden of a particular Lodge can be chosen the Representative of said Lodge in the Grand Lodge.

*ARTICLE III.*

## COMMUNICATIONS.

SECTION 7. The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge shall be holden in Concord on the third Wednesday of May, at 11 o'clock A. M.

SECTION 8. The Semi-Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge shall be holden on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, at such place as the Grand Lodge shall at the Annual Communication direct. If the Grand Lodge shall give no direction, the Semi-Annual Communication shall be holden at Manchester, at 11 o'clock A. M.

SECTION 9. If the Festival of St. John the Evangelist shall fall upon Saturday, Sunday, or Monday, the Semi-Annual Communication shall be held on the Tuesday following.

SECTION 10. At the Semi-Annual Communication no business shall be transacted but the exemplification of the Work and Lectures, excepting that any business may be presented and ordered to lie over to the next Annual Communication, or be referred to a committee, but without debate.

SECTION 11. Special Communications may be called as the Grand Lodge or Grand Master may direct.

*ARTICLE IV.*

## POWERS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

SECTION 12. The Grand Lodge, by the ancient Constitution and usages of the Fraternity, is the supreme authority in Masonry, and has the power to determine what Masonry is. And is invested with certain original and essential powers and privileges belonging to the ancient Craft, and shall have power especially —

*First.* — To decide what Masonic bodies are regular, wherein symbolic Masonry is used, shown, or made a part of the ceremonies.

*Second.* — To prohibit the Masons of its obedience from practicing as Masonic any other rites than those which it declares to be Masonic ; and from using any of its esoteric ceremonies as Masonic ceremonies in any other body than those it shall hold to be Masonic.

*Third.* — To enact and enforce all Laws and Regulations for the government of the Fraternity, and to alter, amend, and repeal the same at pleasure.

*Fourth.* — To constitute new Lodges, by granting Dispensations and Warrants under seal : and for good cause, to suspend, revoke, or annul the same at pleasure.

*Fifth.* — To establish and preserve a uniform mode of Working and Lectures, under the sanction of the ancient landmarks and customs of Masonry.

*Sixth.* — To assess and collect from the several Lodges under its jurisdiction, such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the benefit of the Craft.

*Seventh.* — To hear and determine all questions of dispute between two or more Lodges.

*Eighth.* — To hear and decide all cases of appeal from the decision of particular Lodges.

*Ninth.* — To demand and receive such fees and charges for granting Dispensations, Warrants, Certificates, and Diplomas, as may be reasonable.

*Tenth.* — To hear and decide all charges and complaints against any Officer of the Grand Lodge, and to inflict such punishment on the delinquent and guilty as may appear just and proper.

*Eleventh.* — To exercise all such powers, and perform all such acts, as by custom are exercised and performed by Grand Lodges. But in no case to alter, deface, or remove the ancient established landmarks of Masonry.

## ARTICLE V.

## QUALIFICATION, ELECTION, AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 13. No Brother shall be eligible to the office of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, or District Deputy Grand Master, unless he shall have been regularly elected and duly installed Master of a duly constituted Lodge, and faithfully discharged his duties in such office for the term for which he was elected. And no one of the Officers above named, during his continuance in office, shall be Master or Warden of a particular Lodge. Nor shall the Master of any particular Lodge be eligible to either of the above named offices in the Grand Lodge, during his continuance in office as Master.

SECTION 14. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary shall be chosen by ballot. The other Officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master. In all cases of ballot, a majority shall be necessary to make a choice.

SECTION 15. The Officers of the Grand Lodge, elected and appointed, shall be installed at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, as soon after their election and appointment as may be. The Grand Master shall be installed by his immediate predecessor ; or, in his absence, by the senior Past Grand Master present, and in the absence of such Past Grand Master, by the senior Past Master present ; preference, however, being given to Past Grand Officers, according to their rank.

SECTION 16. In case the Grand Master elect be absent at the time of installation, he may be installed at such time and place, and by such person, as the Grand

Lodge may specially authorize and appoint, unless he declines to accept said office.

SECTION 17. All elected or appointed Grand Officers, if present, shall be installed in open Grand Lodge. If any elected or appointed Grand Officer be absent at such time of installation, he may be installed by some person specially authorized, in manner provided for the installation of the Grand Master, as set forth in the preceding section. No Officer required by the Constitution to take an obligation prior to his installation, can be installed by proxy.

SECTION 18. The several Grand Officers, previous to their installation, shall make the following declaration :

“I, A. B., do solemnly promise, on the honor of a Mason, that I will perform the duties of the office of ———, to the best of my abilities, agreeably to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge and the ancient usages and landmarks of Masonry.”

SECTION 19. All Grand Officers, elected or appointed, when installed, shall be proclaimed by the Grand Marshal, and shall hold their respective offices until their successors are duly elected and installed.

SECTION 20. No elected Officer of the Grand Lodge, or of any particular Lodge, can act as such until he is duly installed.

## ARTICLE VI.

### POWER AND DUTY OF GRAND OFFICERS.

SECTION 21. The Grand Master shall preside over and govern the Grand Lodge at all its Communications.

SECTION 22. The Grand Master has power and authority, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, to grant Dispensations to new Lodges, to continue in force until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge; to arrest the Dispensation or Warrant of any

Lodge, for good cause, until the next Communication of the Grand Lodge; and for dereliction of duty, or other unmasonic conduct, he may suspend a Brother or Lodge until the next Communication of the Grand Lodge, when he shall present the reason for such arrest or suspension, in writing. He may convene the Grand Lodge at pleasure, giving reasonable notice thereof to the Lodges and members, of the time and place intended for the meeting, and stating therein the object of it.

SECTION 23. The Grand Master may convene any Lodge within his jurisdiction, preside therein (with his Officers or otherwise), inspect their proceedings, and require their conformity to the regulations and edicts of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 24. The Grand Master shall, at least once in a year, by himself, his Deputy or District Deputy, visit all the Lodges under this jurisdiction, examine into their conduct, their records, and proceedings; correct irregularities and prevent innovations; and make a report of his doings to the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication.

SECTION 25. The Grand Master has authority from time to time, as he may think for the good of Masonry, to divide the State into Districts, and assign their limits. Every newly constituted Lodge shall be assigned by him to some District, and notice given to the District Deputy Grand Master of the same.

SECTION 26. The Grand Master may appoint a special Deputy or Deputies to constitute a new Lodge or Lodges, or for any other purpose to be specified in such appointment.

SECTION 27. The Grand Master shall appoint all Committees of the Grand Lodge, when presiding therein, unless otherwise ordered, and shall give the casting

vote whenever, in any question before the Grand Lodge, there shall be an equal number of votes.

SECTION 28. The Grand Master may grant Dispen-sations for processions and for conferring Degrees, and do all other acts and deeds that are warranted and required of him by the regulations and ancient customs of the Fraternity.

SECTION 29. It shall be the duty of the Grand Master, or presiding Officer, at the Semi-Annual Com-munications of the Grand Lodge, to give, or cause to be given, Exemplification of the Work and Lectures in each degree.

SECTION 30. It shall be the duty of the Deputy Grand Master to attend all the Communications of the Grand Lodge, and to render to the Grand Master such assistance as may be required of him; and in the absence of the Grand Master he shall preside in Grand Lodge, and perform such duties and possess such authority, while presiding, as appertain to the Grand Master.

SECTION 31. In case of the death, or removal from the State, of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master shall, *ex officio*, exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the Grand Master, as herein provided, until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge; and during the temporary absence of the Grand Master, he shall exercise and perform like powers and duties.

SECTION 32. It shall be the duty of the Grand Wardens to assist the Grand Master in the Grand Lodge; and, when required, they are to attend in the examination of any particular Lodge, and act as his Wardens.

SECTION 33. In the absence of the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand War-

den shall preside over the Grand Lodge; and in his absence, the Junior Grand Warden; and in the absence of all these, then the Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, and Past Grand Wardens, according to seniority; and if no Officer of either grade be present, the senior Past Master is to preside, unless he waive his right to another Brother who is Past Master. In either of these cases the presiding Officer, unless he be Past Grand Master, shall wear the jewel of the Deputy Grand Master.

SECTION 34. The Grand Treasurer shall have the custody and charge of the funds of the Grand Lodge; and shall, before he enters upon the duties of his office, give bond with surety or sureties, to the satisfaction of the Grand Master and Grand Wardens, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his trust; and shall, from time to time, invest all unappropriated funds in his hands, in such manner as the Grand Lodge or Grand Master may direct.

SECTION 35. He shall lay before the Grand Lodge, on the first day of the Annual Communication thereof, a statement of his accounts, exhibiting the amount received and paid out, and on what account, with the respective dates of receipts and disbursements.

SECTION 36. He shall receive all moneys from the Grand Secretary, as well as all other moneys paid to the Grand Lodge; shall pay all bills passed by the Committee on Finance; shall have in his care all Warrants, Records, Seals, and Clothing returned to the Grand Lodge; shall annually render to the Grand Lodge a statement of his accounts, together with the vouchers, with a schedule of the funds of the Grand Lodge; and shall deliver to his successor in office the funds and other property of the Grand Lodge, taking duplicate receipts therefor, one of which he shall deposit

with the Grand Secretary. He shall also take charge of the Jewels, Furniture, and Clothing of the Grand Lodge, and keep a record of the Officers to whom any of the Jewels, Clothing, etc., shall be delivered, and shall take a receipt therefor in such form as the Grand Lodge or Grand Master may direct.

SECTION 37. The Grand Treasurer shall receive annually, as a full compensation for his services, one per cent. upon all moneys in the treasury.

SECTION 38. The Grand Secretary shall attend upon the Communications of the Grand Lodge, observe and record the proceedings thereof, and preserve the same in suitable books kept for that purpose. He shall summon the members to attend all meetings of the Grand Lodge, in such manner as the Grand Lodge or Grand Master may direct. He shall receive all petitions, applications, and appeals, and lay them before the Grand Master. He shall have the custody of the Seal of the Grand Lodge. He shall engross, attest, and affix the Seal to all Warrants, Commissions, Diplomas, and Certificates, when ordered by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. He shall keep a list of all the Lodges under this jurisdiction, according to seniority.

SECTION 39. The Grand Secretary shall furnish the Chairman of every Committee with a copy of the vote of his appointment, and attend all Committees with the records and papers of his office, when required; and shall record all reports of Committees which may be accepted by the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 40. The Grand Secretary shall, as soon as may be, after its several Communications, forward to each member of the Grand Lodge such number of copies of the Edicts and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, including a list of the Grand Officers for the time being, as shall be directed by the Grand Master; and

all such other transactions of the Grand Lodge as may be necessary for the information and regulation of the particular Lodges.

SECTION 41. The Grand Secretary, when required, shall cause a transcript of the Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge to be printed, as soon after the Annual Communication as the same can be done, and shall forward a copy thereof to each of the Grand Lodges of the United States, and also to the Grand Lodges of such foreign States as may be in communication with this Grand Lodge, and one copy to each member of this Grand Lodge, and one copy also to each particular Lodge.

SECTION 42. The Grand Secretary shall transmit to the Secretaries of the particular Lodges all the necessary blanks and instructions for their use; and, during the intervals of the Communications of the Grand Lodge, under the direction of the Grand Master, answer all communications addressed on the subject of Masonry.

SECTION 43. The Grand Secretary shall collect and receive all fees and sums of money which shall become due to the Grand Lodge, and pay the same over to the Grand Treasurer; shall open and keep an account with each particular Lodge, and report a statement thereof at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge; and, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall give bond, with sufficient surety or sureties to the satisfaction of the Grand Master and Grand Wardens, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his trust.

SECTION 44. The Grand Secretary shall, at the Annual Communication, make a report of his doings in his office to the Grand Lodge, with a statement of his accounts.

SECTION 45. The District Deputy Grand Masters shall visit the several Lodges in their respective Dis-

tricts once, at least, in every year ; preside in the same, when present ; and shall inspect their by-laws, the state and condition of their finances, records, and mode of working ; but if unable to visit any Lodge, they may appoint some suitable Brother to perform that duty.

SECTION 46. The District Deputy Grand Masters shall communicate to the Lodges all such Edicts and Regulations of the Grand Lodge as may be received by them from the Grand Secretary ; shall, on or before the first day of May in each year, make a detailed report of their doings to the Grand Master : and they shall attend annually in the Grand Lodge. They shall be reimbursed their expenses in visiting Lodges, their accounts being first examined and passed by the Committee on Finance.

SECTION 47. Each District Deputy Grand Master shall keep a book of records, in which he shall record every official act performed by him with the date thereof.

SECTION 48. It shall be incumbent on the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, District Deputy Grand Masters, and Grand Lecturers, severally to improve and perfect themselves in the Sublime Arts and Work appertaining to the several Degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason ; and to make themselves masters of the several Masonic Lectures and ancient Charges belonging to those Degrees ; to consult with each other and with Masters of particular Lodges for the purpose of adopting measures suitable and proper for diffusing a knowledge of said Lectures and Charges, and a uniform mode of Working in the several Lodges throughout this jurisdiction ; and the better to effect this laudable purpose, the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens are severally hereby authorized and empowered to visit and preside in every and any Lodge in this State ; and the District Deputy

Grand Masters are hereby severally required to visit, as often as practicable, the several Lodges within their respective Districts, and are hereby authorized and empowered to preside in the same; all the above named Officers are authorized to examine the doings of the several Lodges, correct irregularities, and give such directions and instructions as the good of the Fraternity may require; always adhering to the ancient landmarks of the Order and the requirements of this Constitution.

SECTION 49. The Grand Lecturer for the State shall be appointed for three years; and it shall be his duty to instruct the Grand Lecturers in their work, and he shall call them together at least once in each year for the purpose of such instruction. The Grand Lecturers are to instruct the several Lodges within their respective Districts in the Work and Lectures of the several Degrees, and once in each year shall visit the same for that purpose; and the Grand Lodge shall pay the expenses the Grand Lecturers may necessarily incur in visiting and instructing the Lodges.

SECTION 50. The Grand Chaplains shall attend the Communications of the Grand Lodge, and perform such clerical duties as may be suitable to the occasion, and as are established by Masonic usage.

SECTION 51. The Grand Deacons shall assist within the Grand Lodge in such duties as appertain to their office, and attend the Grand Master in processions.

SECTION 52. The Grand Marshal shall direct the organization of the Grand Lodge before it is opened; collect from the members and petitioners in the Grand Lodge all communications, and place them before the Grand Master; shall introduce visitors; shall direct the formation of processions; regulate all festivals and refreshments, and shall communicate or execute all commands of the Grand Master not otherwise provided for.

SECTION 53. The Grand Stewards shall properly distribute the Jewels and Clothing, and collect the same at the closing of the Grand Lodge, and place them in charge of the Grand Treasurer; and shall, under the direction of the Grand Marshal, provide suitably for the Grand Lodge at every Communication.

SECTION 54. The Grand Sword Bearer is to attend the Grand Master, and assist the Grand Marshal in the discharge of his duties.

SECTION 55. The Grand Pursuivants are to attend to the Officers, members, and visitors: to see that they appear in Grand Lodge suitably clothed, and under the direction of the Grand Marshal, that they take their proper stations. In all public processions of the Grand Lodge, they shall precede and assist the Grand Marshal.

SECTION 56. The Grand Tyler shall guard the outer door.

## ARTICLE VII.

### STATIONS, JEWELS, AND CLOTHING.

SECTION 57. The stations of the Officers in Grand Lodge are as follows:

THE M. . W. . GRAND MASTER,  
*In the East, at the head of the Grand Lodge.*

THE R. . W. . DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,  
*In the East, next to and left of the M. . W. . Grand Master.*

THE R. . W. . SENIOR GRAND WARDEN,  
*In the West.*

THE R. . W. . JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN,  
*In the South.*

THE M. . W. . PAST GRAND MASTERS,

*In the East, at the right of the M. . W. . Grand Master,  
and the Junior Past Grand Master next to the Grand  
Master.*

THE R. . W. . PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS,

*In the East, at the right of the Past Grand Masters.*

THE R. . W. . PAST GRAND WARDENS,

*In the East, at the right of the Past Deputy Grand Masters.*

THE R. . W. . DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS,

*In the East, on the left of the Deputy Grand Master.*

THE R. . W. . PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS,  
*In the East, on the left of the District Deputy Grand  
Masters.*

THE R. . W. . GRAND TREASURER,

*On the right, in front of the Grand Master.*

THE R. . W. . GRAND SECRETARY,

*On the left, in front of the Grand Master.*

THE R. . W. . GRAND LECTURERS,

*In the East, in front of the District Deputy Grand Masters.*

THE R. . W. . AND REV. GRAND CHAPLAINS,

*In the East, the Senior in front upon the right of the  
Grand Master, and between him and the Past Junior  
Grand Master; and the Junior in front upon the left  
of the Grand Master, and between him and the Deputy  
Grand Master.*

THE W. . GRAND MARSHAL,

*Upon the left of the Grand Master, in front of the Grand  
Secretary.*

THE W. SENIOR GRAND DEACON,

*Upon the right of the Grand Master, in front of the  
Grand Treasurer.*

THE W. JUNIOR GRAND DEACON,

*In the West, on the right of the Senior Grand Warden.*

THE W. GRAND STEWARDS,

*In the South, two upon the right, and two upon the left of  
the Junior Grand Warden, one Steward in front of the  
other.*

THE W. GRAND SWORD BEARER,

*At the left of the Grand Marshal.*

THE W. GRAND PURSUIVANTS,

*Near the doors of entrance to the Grand Lodge.*

SECTION 58. The Jewels of the Grand Officers are :

*The Grand Master:* The Compass extended upon the sextant of a circle, to the angle of  $45^{\circ}$ , with the Square within the Compass, and above the Square an Eye irradiated, within a Triangle, also irradiated, upon an Oval within the Compass.

*Past Grand Masters:* The same as the Grand Master, except the Square.

*Deputy Grand Master:* The Compass opened to the angle of  $45^{\circ}$  athwart the Square; within the Compass, a Pentalpha.

*Senior Grand Warden:* The Level.

*Junior Grand Warden:* The Plumb.

*District Deputy Grand Masters:* The Compass opened to the angle of  $45^{\circ}$  athwart the Square; within the Compass, a Sun irradiated.

*Grand Treasurer:* Cross Keys.

*Grand Secretary:* Cross Pens.

*Grand Lecturers:* The 47th proposition of Euclid in silver upon a Triangle in gold; within the Square, a letter G.

*Grand Chaplains:* The open Bible upon a Triangle irradiated.

*Grand Deacons:* The Dove and Olive Branch.

*Grand Marshal:* Cross Batons.

*Grand Stewards:* The Cornucopia athwart the Compass, open to the angle of  $45^{\circ}$ .

*Grand Sword Bearer:* Cross Swords.

*Grand Pursuivants:* Sword and Baton crossed.

*Grand Tyler:* A Sword pendent.

All the Jewels, except those of the Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Master, and District Deputy Grand Masters, to be placed within a Circle.

SECTION 59. The Officers of the Grand Lodge shall wear their appropriate Jewel appended to a purple velvet collar and a white apron trimmed with purple. The Masters and Wardens of particular Lodges shall wear their appropriate Jewels appended to a blue velvet collar and a plain white apron. Representatives of Lodges shall wear a white apron, which may be trimmed with purple. And no member of the Grand Lodge shall be allowed to speak or vote in Grand Lodge unless he be properly clothed.

## PART II.

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### OF PARTICULAR LODGES.

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#### *ARTICLE VIII.*

##### DISPENSATIONS AND WARRANTS FOR NEW LODGES.

SECTION 60. Dispensations for holding new Lodges may be issued by the Grand Master, or the Grand Lodge, on the petition of not less than seven Master Masons of known skill and good standing.

SECTION 61. Every petition for a Dispensation or Warrant to form a new Lodge shall be accompanied by the approbation and recommendation of the two Lodges, subordinate to this Grand Lodge, nearest the place where the new Lodge is to be held, by vote of said Lodges at stated Communications, notice having been given at previous stated Communications, and of the District Deputy Grand Master of the District, vouching for the moral and Masonic ability of the petitioners, and recommending the Grand Lodge to grant them a Dispensation or Warrant.

SECTION 62. If any Lodge shall unreasonably refuse its approbation and recommendation for the establishment of a new Lodge, the petitioners may apply to the Grand Master, who shall appoint a commission of three Past Masters, of Lodges not in the immediate vicinage, who shall receive such statement in writing as the petitioners may see fit to make; and such statement in writing as the Lodge, after due notice, may see fit to make; shall hear such testimony on each side as the petitioners and the Lodge may offer, and reduce the substance of the same to writing; they shall make such

investigation on their own part, as shall enable them to form an intelligent judgment of the question, whether the good of Masonry would be promoted by the formation of such new Lodge; and shall report the statements on either side, the testimony, and their own investigations and conclusions to the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, which shall consider the same, and may thereupon refuse or grant a Dispensation or Warrant, for such new Lodge, as the good of Masonry may seem to them to demand, notwithstanding the refusal of such Lodge to approve or recommend the same.

SECTION 63. Every petition for a new Lodge shall also be accompanied by the Certificate of the Grand Lecturer of the District, that he has examined the Master and Wardens nominated in the petition, and found them well skilled in the entire Work and Lectures of Ancient Craft Masonry.

SECTION 64. If a majority of the petitioners are members of a regularly constituted Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, they shall also obtain a Certificate from the Master and Wardens of the Lodge of which they are members, sanctioning the separation and their erection into a new Lodge.

SECTION 65. The fee for such Dispensation shall be twenty-five dollars, to be paid to the Grand Secretary, and every Dispensation shall be returned to the Grand Lodge, at the next Annual Communication, together with an attested transcript of all the proceedings, and the By-Laws of the Lodge working under the same. If these be approved by the Grand Lodge, a Warrant of Constitution may be issued to the petitioners, bearing even date with the Dispensation, for which they shall pay to the Grand Secretary the further sum of fifty dollars, seven of which shall be for the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 66. The form of a Petition for Dispensation shall be in substance as follows :

*“ To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons in New Hampshire.*

“We, the undersigned, being Master Masons of good standing, and having the prosperity of the Craft at heart, are anxious to exert our best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Freemasonry ; and for the convenience of our respective dwellings, and other good reasons, we are desirous of forming a new Lodge, to be named —— Lodge. We, therefore, with the approbation of the District Deputy Grand Master, and the two Lodges nearest the place where the new Lodge is to be held, respectfully pray for a Dispensation empowering us to meet as a regular Lodge at ——, and there discharge the duties of Ancient Craft Masonry, in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the Order, and the laws of the Grand Lodge. And we have nominated and do recommend Brother A—— B—— to be the first Master ; Brother C—— D—— to be the first Senior Warden, and Brother E—— F—— to be the first Junior Warden of said Lodge. The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the commands of the Grand Master, and the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge.”

SECTION 67. Before a new Lodge shall be constituted, the Grand Master, or his Deputy, who shall be appointed to constitute such Lodge, shall receive the limits or recommendations of all Brothers who shall become members of such new Lodge.

SECTION 68. Every new Lodge shall be solemnly constituted, dedicated, and consecrated, by the Grand Master and his Officers, or by some competent Brother especially appointed by him for the purpose.

SECTION 69. No new Lodge is recognized, or its Officers entitled to vote in this Grand Lodge, unless it be regularly constituted, solemnly dedicated, and consecrated, and no Officer of a Lodge working under Dispensation is entitled to a seat as Representative in the Grand Lodge.

### ARTICLE IX.

#### OF REMOVAL OF LODGES.

SECTION 70. Whenever the members of a Lodge wish to remove it from one town to another, or more than two miles from where the meetings have usually been held, the Master shall summon every member of the Lodge to attend a stated communication, notice having been given at a previous stated communication, for the express purpose of taking the subject of removal into consideration.

SECTION 71. If the Lodge shall deem such removal expedient, they shall present a petition for that purpose to the Grand Lodge, which petition shall be signed by not less than three-fourths of the members of the Lodge desiring a removal, and shall be accompanied with certificates from the two nearest Lodges, testifying their approbation of the proposed measure.

SECTION 72. If the Grand Lodge, on such petition, shall deem it proper to grant the prayer of the petition, the Warrant of the Lodge to be removed shall be presented to the Grand Secretary, who shall indorse on it the vote of the Grand Lodge removing the particular Lodge, which vote shall be signed by the Grand Master and countersigned by the Grand Secretary, and for which the Lodge to be removed shall pay to the Grand Secretary the sum of ten dollars.

*ARTICLE X.*SURRENDER, FORFEITURE, AND REVOCATION OF  
WARRANTS.

SECTION 73. If any particular Lodge shall see fit to surrender its Warrant, whether or not with the intention of resuming it at a future period, it shall be the duty of the last Master, Treasurer, and Secretary of such Lodge, to deliver to the Grand Treasurer, with the Warrant, the by-laws, records, seal, clothing, funds, and other property of the Lodge of every description; and all the property of a Lodge surrendering its Warrant, with the intention of resuming it, shall be held by the Grand Lodge in trust until such time as the Warrant shall be restored, or the intention of reclaiming it abandoned.

SECTION 74. The interest of all funds and property of a Lodge whose Warrant is surrendered with the intention of resuming it, and all funds or property of a Lodge whose Warrant is surrendered absolutely, belong to the Grand Lodge, for such uses as it may direct.

SECTION 75. Every Lodge that shall neglect or refuse to pay its dues to the Grand Lodge, or to make regular returns, or to be represented in the Grand Lodge for two years, or shall neglect to assemble for Work for the space of one year, shall be stricken from the Grand Lodge books, be deprived of the benefits of Masonry, and its Warrant forfeited.

SECTION 76. Upon the revocation or forfeiture of the Warrant of any Lodge, it shall be the duty of the last Master, Treasurer, and Secretary thereof, to surrender to the Grand Treasurer the Warrant, books, papers, jewels, and furniture of said Lodge, within six months from the time of such revocation or forfeiture; and all members of a Lodge who shall refuse to make such

surrender, or who shall vote to divide the funds among themselves, or to appropriate them in any other way than is here designated, shall be deemed guilty of a violation of the rules and regulations of Masonry.

SECTION 77. No Warrant which has been surrendered, (whether with the intention of resuming it or not,) forfeited, or revoked, shall be restored, unless upon the petition of seven Master Masons, of whom four at least of the petitioners for its restoration were members of the Lodge at the time of its surrender. And it shall be the duty of the petitioners to notify the District Deputy Grand Master of the District, and the two Lodges nearest their residence, of their intention to petition for the restoration.

SECTION 78. If at any time it shall be found necessary to suspend or cancel the Warrant of any Lodge for irregular or unmasonic conduct, the members of said Lodge who were implicated in such irregular or unmasonic conduct at the time of its having incurred such penalty, shall be disqualified to join or visit any other Lodge, without special permission from the Grand Lodge, obtained on memorial.

SECTION 79. Any Mason assisting at the work of a Lodge, knowing its Warrant to have been suspended or cancelled, shall be liable to expulsion from the rights of Masonry.

SECTION 80. Every Warranted Lodge is a constituent part of the Grand Lodge, in which body all the power of the Fraternity resides; and no authority, except that possessed by the Grand Lodge, can annul, abrogate, or destroy the power of a Warrant. If, therefore, the majority of a Lodge should determine to leave the Institution, or that Lodge, the Constitution, or power of assembling, remains with the rest of the members who adhere to their allegiance. If the number,

however, be reduced to less than seven, the Warrant shall be returned, agreeably to the regulation in such cases provided.

SECTION 81. If the Master and Wardens of any Lodge be summoned to attend, or to produce the Warrant, books, papers, or accounts of their Lodge to the Grand Master, or the District Deputy Grand Master within whose jurisdiction it is located, or to any committee authorized by the Grand Lodge, and shall refuse to comply, or give satisfactory reasons for non-compliance, they may be suspended, and the proceedings shall be notified to the Grand Lodge, when, in case of contumacy, expulsion, suspension, or revocation of Warrant shall be the penalty.

## ARTICLE XI.

### RENEWAL OF WARRANTS.

SECTION 82. If the Warrant of any Lodge shall accidentally be destroyed by fire, or otherwise, the Grand Secretary shall, by authority of the Grand Master, on application of said Lodge, furnish a new Warrant, or a certified copy of the original, said Lodge paying the necessary expense for preparing the same.

## ARTICLE XII.

### POWERS AND DUTIES.

SECTION 83. All Lodges under this jurisdiction have a right to convene as Free and Accepted Masons, to receive and enter Apprentices, pass Fellow Crafts, and raise Master Masons, and establish fees therefor; to choose Officers annually, establish funds for charitable purposes, and transact all matters appertaining to Masonry, agreeably to their Warrants, the laws of the Grand Lodge, and the ancient usages of the Craft.

SECTION 84. It shall be the duty of every Master or presiding Officer of a Lodge, when notified of the intended official visit of the District Deputy Grand Master, to convene his Lodge, receive him as the Representative of the Grand Lodge, resign to him the Chair while making his official communication, and submit to his inspection the By-Laws, Records, and mode of Working.

SECTION 85. Every Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge shall pay for the support thereof to the Grand Secretary the sum of one dollar for each and every candidate initiated in such Lodge, and an annual sum equal to twenty-five cents for each and every member thereof.

SECTION 86. Every Lodge shall annually make a return of its Officers and members, the names of those who have been made Masons, passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in such Lodge, during the year ending April fifteenth next preceding, with the date thereof; and of such other matters as may be required by the Grand Secretary; which shall be returned to the Grand Secretary, with the dues to the Grand Lodge, on or before the first day of May.

SECTION 87. No Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons can legally assemble in this State under a Warrant granted by any foreign Masonic power.

SECTION 88. The fee demanded by a Lodge for conferring the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason shall not be less than twenty-five dollars, including the fee to the Grand Lodge; and no Lodge under this jurisdiction shall take notes of hand for fees, or grant any time of credit therefor.

SECTION 89. No Lodge shall confer either of the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry upon more than one

candidate at the same time and by the same ceremony, or more than five degrees at the same Communication, or on the same day.

SECTION 90. No Lodge shall appropriate or use its funds, or any part thereof, for any other object than charitable or other Masonic purposes. No Lodge shall tax its members for the purpose of creating a fund for the payment of fixed sick or other benefits.

SECTION 91. No business shall be transacted in a Lodge of Entered Apprentices or of Fellow Crafts except that pertaining to the Work and Lectures of those degrees. All general business, such as the election and installation of Officers, the discussion of questions relating to the general interests of the Fraternity, and the local affairs of the Lodge, shall be transacted in a Master's Lodge.

SECTION 92. No Lodge shall encourage, promote, or permit the delivery of any Masonic Lectures which have not been sanctioned and authorized by the Grand Lodge. Nor shall any Mason be permitted to deliver such Lectures under this jurisdiction.

SECTION 93. The discussion of any subject not of a strictly Masonic character is prohibited in every Lodge under this jurisdiction.

SECTION 94. No Lodge shall form a public procession, funeral processions excepted, without permission from the Grand Master.

SECTION 95. No one beneath the degree of Master Mason shall be buried with Masonic honors and the formalities of the Order. It is the duty of a Lodge of which a Brother is a member, or the nearest Lodge, to attend and perform the usual Masonic burial service over deceased Master Masons, when requested so to do by the deceased or his nearest relatives.

SECTION 96. Every Lodge shall transmit to the Grand Secretary, immediately after their adoption, a

copy of its By-Laws, for the examination of the Grand Lodge ; and whenever the By-Laws of any Lodge shall be altered or amended, a copy of the same thus altered or amended shall be transmitted as above directed. In the recess of the Grand Lodge, the By-Laws of any Lodge, or any amendment or alteration of them, may be submitted to the Grand Master, and if approved by him, shall be in force until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 97. No Lodge shall have power to suspend temporarily any of the provisions of its By-Laws, nor alter or amend the same, unless such suspension, alteration, or amendment shall have been proposed and entered on the records of the Lodge at a previous stated Communication ; and in no case shall any such proposed suspension, alteration, or amendment be acted upon except at a stated Communication.

SECTION 98. Every Lodge shall be furnished by the Grand Lodge with necessary blank Returns, on making due application therefor to the Grand Secretary. Blank Diplomas shall also be furnished to the particular Lodges by the Grand Secretary, as the Lodges may severally require, they paying the Grand Lodge for each Diploma the sum of one dollar, or the cost thereof. The Grand Secretary shall receive from the hands of the Grand Lodge the sum of fifty cents for each Diploma furnished a particular Lodge, as his fee for sealing and certifying the same.

### ARTICLE XVIII.

#### OFFICERS.

SECTION 99. No Brother can be elected or appointed an Officer of a Lodge, unless he be a member of such Lodge, except the Tyler, who shall, however, be a member of some Lodge. And no officer duly elected

or appointed and installed, can resign his office during the term thereof; nor shall his office become vacant from any cause except by death, expulsion, or suspension. If at any time the first three offices of a Lodge shall become vacant, the Lodge may, under and by virtue of a dispensation from the Grand Master, fill them by an election held at a stated Communication, notice thereof having been given at a previous stated Communication, or by written or printed notice sent to each member of the Lodge, at least one week before such election. In the absence of any officer of the Lodge, the Master shall fill the office by pro tempore appointment.

SECTION 100. No Brother is eligible to the office of Master of a Lodge who has not served acceptably as a Warden in some regularly constituted Lodge under the jurisdiction of this or some other Grand Lodge, at least six months; except where a new Lodge is to be formed, or where no such Warden can be found.

SECTION 101. The Master of every Lodge under this jurisdiction shall be installed by some Officer of the Grand Lodge, who is authorized by this Constitution to preside in a particular Lodge, or by some regular Past Master.

SECTION 102. No special Communication of a Lodge shall be called without the order of the Master; in his absence, that of the Senior Warden; in the absence of both, that of the Junior Warden; or in the absence of these three Officers, that of the three oldest Master Masons, members of the Lodge.

SECTION 103. The Master of a Lodge has the special charge of its Warrant, and it is his duty to see that it is carefully preserved. It must be present when the Lodge is opened.

SECTION 104. The Constitution of this Grand Lodge, and the By-Laws of each particular Lodge, so far as

they relate to the election and qualification of Officers of particular Lodges, shall be read at every Annual Communication of each Lodge prior to the choice of its Officers.

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## PART III.

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### OF INDIVIDUALS.

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#### ARTICLE XIV.

##### OF CANDIDATES AND BALLOTING.

SECTION 105. By the ancient regulations, the physical deformity of an individual operates as a bar to his admission into the Fraternity. But as this regulation was adopted for the government of the Craft, at a period when they united the *character of operative* with that of *speculative* Masons, this Grand Lodge authorizes such a construction of the regulation as that, when the deformity of the candidate is not such as to prevent him from being instructed in the arts and mysteries of Freemasonry, and does not amount to an inability honestly to acquire the means of subsistence, the admission will not be an infringement upon the ancient landmarks, but will be consistent with the spirit of our Institution.

SECTION 106. The petition of every candidate for initiation in any Lodge must be printed or in writing, signed by the applicant, stating his age, residence, occupation, and whether he has ever made application to, and been rejected by, any other Lodge; and be accompanied by the recommendation of not less than two members of the Lodge.

SECTION 107. No candidate for initiation shall be proposed or balloted for at a special Communication, nor be balloted for, until his application has laid over for the consideration of the members at least four weeks, without first obtaining a Dispensation therefor; nor shall a candidate in any event be balloted for, into whose moral character a strict inquiry has not been made.

SECTION 108. No Lodge under this jurisdiction shall receive the application of any one to be made a Mason, or to be passed, or raised, unless the prescribed fee for the degrees petitioned for has been previously deposited in the hands of the Secretary. If the candidate for the degrees, when balloted for, be rejected, the sum so deposited shall be returned to him.

SECTION 109. Every candidate must apply to the Lodge nearest his residence, by the nearest traveled way.

SECTION 110. No application of any person for the degrees shall be entertained by any Lodge, unless he shall have resided within the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which application is made, at least twelve months next preceding said application, except as provided in the two following sections.

SECTION 111. If any person wishes for initiation in any Lodge, who resides without the jurisdiction of such Lodge, but in this State, he shall first obtain the unanimous consent of the Lodge within whose jurisdiction he resides, by vote of the Lodge, at a stated Communication, notice thereof having been given at a previous stated Communication, which consent, under seal of the Lodge, shall be annexed to his application. If there be more than one Lodge in his place of residence, the consent and recommendation of one of them shall be sufficient.

SECTION 112. If any person wishes for initiation in any Lodge, who resides without the State, he shall first obtain the consent of the Lodge within whose jurisdiction he resides, by unanimous vote, at a stated Communication, and the permission in writing of the Grand Master within whose jurisdiction he resides, which consent and permission shall be annexed to his application.

SECTION 113. No petition for initiation, or application for membership, shall be withdrawn.

SECTION 114. A rejected applicant for the degrees cannot again present his petition to any Lodge within twelve months of his rejection.

SECTION 115. No candidate whose application may be rejected by a Lodge, shall be initiated in any Lodge other than the one which rejected him, unless the Lodge recommend him to another Lodge by a unanimous vote—the vote to be taken by the secret ballot, at a stated Communication, notice thereof having been given at a previous stated Communication. And if any Mason knowingly assist, or recommend for initiation, to any Lodge whatever, any candidate, rejected as aforesaid, except as above provided, such Mason shall be expelled from the Institution.

SECTION 116. The general rule which governs the Order in the admission of members and candidates is, that such admission is to be sanctioned by entire unanimity; and so sacred and fundamental does the Grand Lodge conceive this rule to be, that no candidate shall be initiated in any Lodge without a clear and unanimous ballot in his favor. Every member present shall ballot on the application unless excused by the Lodge.

SECTION 117. There shall be but one ballot for all the degrees. Any member of the Lodge after ballot, and before the conferring of the degree, may make his

objections to the Master privately, and without giving his reasons; and such an objection shall be a rejection and have the same effect as if made by ballot. The fact of objection only, without the name of the member making the objection, shall be entered on the records.

SECTION 118. Every candidate for Masonry shall, before initiation, give an unqualified affirmative answer to the following questions:

“Do you sincerely declare upon your honor, before these witnesses, that, unbiased by friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary motives, you freely and voluntarily offer yourself a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry?”

“Do you sincerely declare, upon your honor, before these witnesses, that you are prompted to solicit the privileges of Masonry by a favorable opinion conceived of the Institution, a desire of knowledge, and a sincere wish of being serviceable to your fellow creatures?”

“Do you sincerely declare, upon your honor, before these witnesses, that you will cheerfully conform to all the ancient established usages and customs of the Fraternity?”

## ARTICLE XV.

### OF ADVANCEMENT AND DISPENSATIONS.

SECTION 119. No Brother shall be advanced to a higher degree in Masonry, without having been first examined by the Master in open Lodge, and shown such proficiency in the preceding degree as to repeat the whole of the first section of the lecture, together with all the means of recognition, with knowledge of their meaning.

SECTION 120. No candidate can be admitted to more than one degree at the same time, except by Dispensation. All Entered Apprentices must work one month

as such before they can be passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. All Fellow Crafts must work in a Lodge of Fellow Crafts one month before they can be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

SECTION 121. When application for the degree of Fellow Craft or Master Mason is made to any Lodge, other than that in which the applicant was initiated or passed, it shall be accompanied by the consent of the Lodge in which he was initiated or passed, by unanimous vote, at a stated Communication, which consent shall be under seal of the Lodge, and shall be annexed to the application.

SECTION 122. Whenever a Dispensation is granted for conferring degrees, it shall be the duty of the Officer granting the same, to require and receive of the Lodge to whom the same may be granted, the sum of five dollars for the Dispensation, which shall be paid to the Grand Secretary for the use of the Grand Lodge; and the Lodge shall require of the candidate ten dollars in addition to their usual fee.

## ARTICLE XVII.

### OF MEMBERS.

SECTION 123. No Brother shall be admitted a member of any particular Lodge, until he has been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Every Master Mason raised in any Lodge, may become a member thereof by signing the By-Laws. A Brother raised in a Lodge, who does not sign the By-Laws within six months, stands towards the Lodge as any other non-affiliate, and can become a member only in the same manner as though made in another Lodge. If a case of mere carelessness or inadvertence, the Lodge may, in its discretion, remit the adjoining fee. In such case he may join another Lodge without a dimit: as having

never been a member of a Lodge, he could not dimit therefrom. Every candidate for membership not raised in the Lodge, or raised more than six months before, must be proposed at a stated Communication, and be balloted for at a subsequent stated Communication of the Lodge, and accepted by unanimous ballot.

SECTION 124. No Brother shall be a member of more than one Lodge, nor shall he hold more than one office in the same Lodge, at the same time.

SECTION 125. Any Brother desiring to change his membership from one particular Lodge to another, shall apply to the Lodge for a recommendation to such other Lodge, which if no sufficient objection appears shall be granted, and shall be in writing under seal of the Lodge, and shall be presented with his application for membership to such other Lodge, when, if elected to membership in the new Lodge, his membership in his old Lodge shall cease from that time; if not elected, his membership in the old Lodge shall remain unaffected. The Secretary of the Lodge to which application for membership is made shall immediately notify the other Lodge of the decision of the Lodge on such application.

SECTION 126. The removal of a Brother into another jurisdiction does not, of itself, authorize his name to be stricken from the roll of the Lodge of which he is a member.

SECTION 127. Any Brother who has been discharged from membership for the non-payment of dues, shall not be admitted to membership in any other Lodge until the same are paid or remitted. And any Master Mason who shall voluntarily remain non-affiliated for the term of one year shall not have the right to visit any Lodge, join any procession, receive relief from Lodge funds, or burial.

SECTION 128. A visiting Brother has a right to call for the Warrant of the Lodge he desires to visit.

## PART IV.

## TRIALS AND PENALTIES.

## ARTICLE XVII.

## TRIALS AND PENALTIES.

SECTION 129. Whenever a member of a Lodge, or a Brother, shall be accused of any offence, which, if proved, would subject him to suspension or expulsion, he shall have a fair and impartial trial, and the proceedings shall be conducted substantially as follows :

*Rule 1.* The accusation shall be made in writing, under the signature of a Master Mason, and given in charge to the Secretary of a Lodge, who, under the direction of the Master, shall serve, or cause the accused to be served, with an attested copy of the charges, and shall give him seasonable notice of the time and place of hearing, if his residence be known.

*Rule 2.* The examination of the charges shall be had in a Lodge specially notified and convened for the purpose, at which none but members of the Lodge, or of the Grand Lodge, shall be admitted, except as counsel or witnesses; and the Master shall issue to every member thereof, whose residence is known, a written or printed summons to be present at such Lodge. If the accused does not appear at the trial in person or by counsel, or file in writing a plea of guilty in proper form, the Master shall cause a plea of not guilty to be entered in his behalf; and shall also appoint some suitable Brother to act as counsel for him, whose duty shall be to see that the rights of the accused are observed and his defence, if any, properly made.

*Rule 3.* The accused may select any Brother for his counsel, and the witnesses shall testify on their honor, and if Masons, on their honor as such. Hearsay evidence shall be excluded.

*Rule 4.* If the witnesses can not or will not attend the Lodge, their depositions may be taken and read as evidence. Reasonable notice of the time and place of taking each deposition shall be given in writing to the opposite party, by the person appointed to take the same; the deponent shall give his testimony on his honor; both parties may be present with their counsel, and put such questions to the deponent as they please and are relevant. The deposition, having been reduced to writing, shall be read to, and then signed by, the deponent, and sealed up in his presence, and returned unopened to the Lodge.

*Rule 5.* In all cases the Lodge shall vote upon the question of the guilt of the accused, even if he file a plea of guilty. The question, "*Is the accused guilty or not guilty?*" shall be distinctly put to each member of the Lodge, by name, commencing with the youngest. The Secretary shall record the answer as given.

*Rule 6.* If the accused shall be found guilty, the question shall then be taken on the grade of punishment in the following order:

1st. "Shall the accused be expelled?" If two-thirds of those voting do not vote for expulsion —

2d. "Shall the accused be suspended?" If two-thirds of those voting do not vote for suspension, the punishment of reprimand by the Master shall be imposed as of course without further vote of the Lodge, and the Master shall proceed at once to administer the reprimand in open Lodge. If the vote of the Lodge be suspension or expulsion, the Master shall declare the accused suspended or expelled, in accordance with the vote of the Lodge.

*Rule 7.* A sentence of suspension or expulsion shall not take full effect until confirmed by this Grand Lodge ; but shall operate as suspension of the delinquent in the meantime.

*Rule 8.* The Lodge shall appoint some Brother to take minutes of the evidence, which shall be preserved on the files of the Lodge, but not entered upon the records.

*Rule 9.* The Secretary shall keep a full record of all proceedings, and if the verdict be suspension or expulsion, shall transmit within thirty days, and before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, to the Grand Master, for the use of the Committee on Trials and Appeals, a full copy of all the evidence, charges, specifications, notices, services of same, and of all things in any way pertaining to the trial, which copy shall be signed by the Master and attested by the Secretary, under seal.

*Rule 10.* Either party may appeal from the decision of the Lodge or rulings of the Master, which appeal must be in writing, signed by the appellant and filed with the Secretary of the Lodge within one month of the decision, and must set forth the reason why he makes the appeal. The appellant shall give at least ten days' notice in writing to the other party of such appeal, prior to the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 130. In taking the vote upon the questions, "Is the accused guilty or not guilty?" "Shall the accused be expelled?" "Shall the accused be suspended?" every Brother present must vote unless excused by unanimous vote of the Lodge.

SECTION 131. Masonic punishments are expulsion, suspension for an indefinite period, suspension for a definite period, and reprimand, which shall be administered by the Master in open Lodge.

SECTION 132. No Mason, whose suspension or expulsion has been confirmed by this Grand Lodge, shall be restored to the privileges of Masonry, except by a unanimous vote of the members present when such restoration may be acted on, of the Lodge by which he was so expelled or suspended, and with the consent and approbation of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 133. The application for restoration shall be in writing, signed by the applicant, presented to the Lodge at a stated Communication, when a time shall be appointed by the Lodge for its consideration at some stated Communication. Every application for restoration shall contain the time and cause of suspension or expulsion, and shall be referred to a committee for investigation, and such committee, in their report, shall state the reasons for their recommendations to the Lodge for action thereon.

SECTION 134. Every Lodge is required to keep a careful watch over the conduct of its members; and should any member of a Lodge be addicted to profanity, intemperance, lewdness, or gambling, or be charged with any other violation of his Masonic duties and obligations, it shall be the duty of such Lodge immediately to institute an inquiry into the facts of the case, and if the Brother charged with offending be found guilty, the Lodge is required, as justice shall demand, to reprimand the offender, suspend or expel him from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, until a thorough reformation takes place.

SECTION 135. Particular Lodges have power, and may take cognizance of any immoral or unmasonic conduct of a sojourning Brother; that is, in cases where the offender is a member of any Lodge within the United States, the Lodge in whose precinct he may be accused of immoral or unmasonic conduct, may inquire into and report the same to the Lodge whereof

he is a member, that he may be there tried; and in cases where the accused is not a member of any such Lodge, the Lodge within whose jurisdiction the offence shall have been committed, may proceed as against a member thereof, and censure, suspend, or expel the offender, as the nature of the offence may require.

SECTION 136. A Lodge or Brother offending against any law or regulation of the Craft, or of the Grand Lodge, to the breach of which no penalty is attached, shall, at the discretion of the Grand Lodge, or particular Lodge having jurisdiction of the case, be subject to admonition, suspension, or expulsion.

SECTION 137. It shall not be competent for a Lodge to try its Master. Any five members of the Lodge, or the District Deputy Grand Master, may impeach him before the Grand Master, who shall order an investigation of the charges; and if in his opinion they are well founded, and of a character to justify the proceeding, he may suspend the delinquent, and summon him to appear at the next Communication of the Grand Lodge, to show cause why he should not be dealt with according to the regulations and usages in such cases established.

SECTION 138. An expulsion or suspension of a Brother from a Royal Arch Chapter, or a Commandery of Knights Templar, shall not operate as an expulsion or suspension from the Lodge of which he is a member.

SECTION 139. No Lodge shall suspend or expel a member from the rights of Masonry for non-payment of dues. The penalty of such delinquency shall be forfeiture or suspension of membership; and that only after due trial, as in other Masonic misdemeanors.

SECTION 140. Whenever the Grand Lodge shall finally reverse or abrogate the decision of a particular Lodge, suspending or expelling a Brother from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, because adjudged innocent of the offence with which he was charged, he shall

thereby be restored to all such rights and privileges, including membership in the Lodge from which he was thereby suspended or expelled.

SECTION 141. The Grand Lodge has power to try and punish its own members for any offence. In case of complaint against any member of the Grand Lodge, Master of any particular Lodge, or any Lodge, the Grand Master may refer the same to a Committee of five Past Masters, by a commission under his hand and seal, who shall notify the parties and proceed with the hearing agreeably to the rules for the regulation of particular Lodges, so far as the same may be applicable, and shall forthwith return to the Grand Master, with the commission, attested copies of all their proceedings, together with their findings in both matters of law and fact, with any recommendation they deem proper. Upon such return the Grand Master may restore the accused or suspend him till the pleasure of the Grand Lodge be known, and shall submit all the papers to the Grand Lodge at the next Annual Communication, for their action. The Grand Master, or other Officer who may for the time being lawfully act as such, shall, in all prosecutions against Lodges or their Masters, before any trial shall be had, seasonably appoint suitable counsel or managers to prosecute and substantiate the charges so preferred. In all proceedings relative to the trial of a Lodge of which the Grand Master is a member, the Officer next in rank, who is not a member or otherwise incapacitated, shall act as Grand Master.

SECTION 142. No Lodge, or any member thereof, shall, without permission of the Grand Lodge, publish, or in any way make known the expulsion of a Brother, except to the Fraternity, or within the Lodge, farther than to state verbally the fact, whenever the honor, interests, or reputation of Masonry may seem to demand it.

## PART V.

## MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS.

## ARTICLE XVIII.

## OF COMMITTEES, ETC.

SECTION 143. The Grand Master and the Grand Wardens, for the time being, shall constitute a Committee of Charity.

SECTION 144. No Lodge, or Officer, or member of a Lodge shall, under any circumstances, give a certificate or recommendation to enable a Mason to go from Lodge to Lodge as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner to apply to Lodges for relief.

SECTION 145. The Grand Master, or presiding Officer, shall, at each Annual Communication, nominate the following Committees, to consist of three each, to be confirmed by the Grand Lodge, and continue in office until the next Annual Communication, namely :

A Committee on Credentials ;

on Finance ;

on Foreign Correspondence ;

on Unfinished Business ;

on Lodges ;

on Returns ;

on Doings of Grand Officers ;

on Trials and Appeals :

on Jurisprudence.

SECTION 146. The Grand Master may refer any question of law or usage arising in the recess of the Grand Lodge, to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who

may report to the Grand Master, or to the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication.

SECTION 147. All Committees, chosen or appointed, shall report their proceedings in writing, at the same Communication with their appointment, unless otherwise directed by the Grand Lodge. The first Brother chosen or appointed shall be chairman, and shall duly notify each of the Committee of the time and place of meeting.

SECTION 148. The expenses of all Committees shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 149. No vote passed in the Grand Lodge, or in a particular Lodge, can be reconsidered by a less number than were present when the vote was passed.

SECTION 150. No Officer or member of this Grand Lodge shall be entitled to more than one vote, either in his own right or as proxy.

SECTION 151. At every Communication of the Grand Lodge, the records of the preceding Communication shall be read by the Grand Secretary before the Lodge proceeds to business, unless otherwise ordered by vote of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 152. No portion of the funds of this Grand Lodge shall be appropriated or used for any purpose, except for defraying the necessary expenses of the Grand Lodge, the promotion of the interests of the Institution, and the relief of distressed worthy Brethren, their widows and orphans.

## ARTICLE XLV.

### RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GRAND LODGE.

SECTION 153. *Rule 1.* None but members of the Grand Lodge, Past Officers of other Grand Lodges excepted, shall be present at the opening of the same, nor shall any visitor be admitted during the session

except by permission of the Grand Master, and by vote of the Grand Lodge.

*Rule 2.* Members and visitors shall keep the seats assigned them, except the Grand Marshal, and Officers whose duties may call them about the Lodge.

*Rule 3.* All resolutions shall be submitted in writing, before there shall be any debate upon them; as shall all motions, if the presiding Officer, or any Brother, desire it.

*Rule 4.* In all elections, and upon every question which may come before the Grand Lodge for decision, each member present shall be entitled to one vote only, except upon a call of any five members belonging to as many different Lodges, in which case the vote shall be taken by Lodges, and each Lodge represented shall then be entitled to four votes, all of which shall be on the same side; and the representatives of each Lodge respectively may decide on which side of the question the votes of their Lodge shall be cast. The other members of the Grand Lodge shall be entitled to one vote each. A member cannot delegate his right of voting to another.

*Rule 5.* Each member shall vote on all questions, unless excused by the Grand Lodge.

*Rule 6.* Every member who speaks shall rise, and remain standing, addressing himself to the Grand Presiding Officer: nor shall he be interrupted unless by a call to order from the presiding Officer, or from some member of the Grand Lodge.

*Rule 7.* When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except to lay on the table, to commit, to amend, or to postpone, which motions shall take precedence in the order above named.

*Rule 8.* A motion to amend, until decided, shall preclude all other amendments of the main question.

*Rule 9.* Any member may call for a division of the question, where the same will admit of it.

*Rule 10.* No new motion, which totally changes the subject matter on which the original motion was intended to operate, shall be admitted, under color of amendment, as a substitute for the motion under debate.

*Rule 11.* No member, except one of the majority which decided the question, shall be allowed to move for a reconsideration.

*Rule 12.* After a motion is stated by the Grand Presiding Officer, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Grand Lodge, but may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before decision or amendment.

*Rule 13.* There shall be no debate upon any question after it has been put by the Grand Presiding Officer.

*Rule 14.* All motions and reports may be committed at the pleasure of the Grand Lodge.

*Rule 15.* While the Grand Presiding Officer is addressing the Grand Lodge, or putting a question, or a Brother is speaking, no member shall entertain any private discourse, or pass between the speaker and the chair.

*Rule 16.* No Brother shall leave the Grand Lodge during the session, without permission of the Grand Master.

*Rule 17.* No Brother shall speak more than twice upon the same question, unless to explain, without permission from the Grand Lodge.

## ARTICLE XX.

### AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 154. The Grand Lodge shall have full power and authority to make such amendments, alterations, and additions to this Constitution, at any regular Communication, as they shall think proper and expe-

dient for the benefit of the Craft; *provided*, such amendment, alteration, or addition be proposed in writing, at an Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, be filed with the Grand Secretary, and lay over for consideration till the next Annual Communication; and such proposed amendment, alteration, or addition, when acted upon, may be amended as the Grand Lodge shall deem proper; *provided*, also, that the ancient landmarks of Masonry be carefully preserved.



DIGEST  
OF  
REGULATIONS, APPROVED DECISIONS, AND RULINGS  
OF GRAND LODGE.

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ADJOURN.

Lodges never adjourn.

1877, pp. 18, 47.

ADVANCEMENT.

A candidate should present himself for advancement within a reasonable time.

1877, pp. 18, 47.

In case of failure to do so, his case should be referred to a committee to report whether the candidate stands in same position as when ballot was taken.

1895, pp. 237, 276.

AID.

Aid to a sojourner is a free gift and no claim can be made for reimbursement.

1880, p. 53 ; 1883, p. 224 ; 1896, p. 59.

A recommendation must not be given anyone to enable them to apply for aid.

1881, pp. 29, 65.

## BALLOT.

A stated Communication being held on the wrong date, the ballots taken were illegal, and the ballots should be taken at the next stated Communication.

1896, pp. 33, 68.

## BY-LAWS.

The By-Laws of particular Lodges should contain only rules for its own government in matters not regulated by any other law.

1879, p. 47 ; 1884, p. 52.

By-Laws of particular Lodges should not contain an order of business. The Master controls the business of the Lodge.

1884, p. 52 : 1892, p. 260.

## CEREMONIES.

The G. ., H. ., S. . should be given in opening and closing the Lodge in full form.

1895, pp. 238, 261.

In closing the Lodge the word *stated* must be used instead of the word *regular*.

1893, p. 68.

See "Processions."

## CHARITY.

See "Aid."

## CHARTER.

See "Warrant."

## CLOTHING.

See "Processions."

## COMMITTEES.

Except at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, whenever any vacancy shall occur in any of the standing committees, or when it shall be made to appear that any member of such committees will be unable to attend any hearing before such committees, or any session thereof, or is disqualified to act by reason of being or having been a party or of counsel in the matter, the Grand Master shall appoint some suitable Mason to fill such vacancy, or to stand for the time being in the stead of the member so disqualified or unable to attend, and such appointee shall have the same powers as any other member of such committee. At the Annual Communication, such vacancies, or the places of the members unable to attend or act or disqualified, as aforesaid, shall be filled by the Grand Lodge upon the nomination of its presiding officer.

1871, p. 174.

At any time after the Annual Communication, the Grand Master may submit any question or matter to the appropriate standing committee, who shall carefully consider the same, and, if requested by him, shall forthwith report to him the result of their examination—otherwise, to the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication; and the Grand Master, as soon as the same shall have been received and examined by him, shall place in the hands of the Committee on Trials and Appeals, for their examination, all appeals and records of the proceedings in Masonic trials, which Committee shall have the same powers in vacation as at the Annual Communications.

1871, p. 175.

See “Investigation.”

## DEGREES.

See "Halls," "Legitimate Masonry."

## DIMIT.

A member of a Lodge in good standing and clear upon the books is entitled to a dimit.

1876, p. 17; 1877, pp. 18, 47; 1887, pp. 29, 51.

A dimit cannot be granted by a Lodge without the consent of the Brother.

1875, p. 51.

Lapse of time from dimission to application for affiliation is not a bar to the reception of the dimit.

1878, pp. 19, 55.

## DIPLOMA.

It is not necessary for a visiting Brother to have a diploma.

1895, pp. 238, 261.

## DOMICILE.

See "Residence."

## DUES.

It is unmasonic to collect dues by legal process.

1880, pp. 20, 67; 1881, pp. 56, 57.

## EGYPTIAN RITE.

The Egyptian Rite is not recognized as Masonic.

1881, pp. 29, 65.

See "Legitimate Freemasonry."

## FRANCE.

Communication with, or recognition of, the Grand Orient of France forbidden.

1878, p. 54.

## FUNERALS.

A Past Master may preside at a funeral in the absence of the Master and Wardens at the request of the Master.

1895, pp. 238, 261.

See "Processions."

## HALLS.

Masonic Lodges shall not rent their rooms to, nor allow them to be occupied by, any body that is not recognized as legitimate by the regularly constituted Masonic bodies in New Hampshire.

1890, p. 79; 1894, p. 171.

The Grand Lodge prohibits the conferring in any room or rooms dedicated to Freemasonry, of any degree or degrees not recognized by the regularly constituted Masonic bodies in New Hampshire.

1871, p. 143.

A Lodge, should it deem it for the best good of Masonry, may permit a Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star to meet in their rooms.

1895, p. 260.

See "Legitimate Freemasonry."

## INCORPORATION.

Lodges are prohibited from obtaining charters or assuming corporate powers under the General Laws.

1880, p. 20; 1881, p. 65.

## INVESTIGATION.

It is hereby made the duty of committees on the character of applicants for initiation, to report upon each of the following named points:

1. What is the applicant's age?
2. Where is his residence (specifying locality in town or city as near as may be), and has he a legal residence in the place of his present domicile?

3. Is he married or single, and if married, is he living with his wife?

4. What is his occupation, and where is he employed?

5. Is he physically qualified for admission?

6. Is he addicted to the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors?

7. Does he gamble, or associate with bad characters?

8. Does he habitually use profane or indecent language?

9. Has he a good character among his neighbors?

10. Does he possess sufficient education and intelligence to understand and value the principles of Freemasonry?

11. Has he previously made application for the degrees, and if so, when and where?

12. Are there any other facts known to the committee which should properly be brought to the attention of the Lodge before balloting?

1888, p. 152.

A committee must be appointed on an application for affiliation.

1895, pp. 238, 261.

#### JURISDICTION.

One who loses his residence must regain it by a twelve months' residence.

1878, pp. 20, 55.

A rejected candidate removing to the jurisdiction of another Lodge, cannot make application to the rejecting Lodge without the consent of the Lodge where he resides.

1887, pp. 28, 50.

The jurisdiction of the Lodge of former residence ceases as soon as a man begins to gain a new residence.

1887, pp. 28, 50.

A refusal to waive jurisdiction over a candidate is not a rejection.

1887, pp. 28, 51.

The Grand Master has no authority to change the jurisdictional lines between two Lodges.

1888, pp. 123, 146.

Application for membership may be made by a Brother residing without the jurisdiction of the Lodge.

1895, pp. 238, 261.

The Lodge to which a non-resident wishes to apply may ask for a waiver of jurisdiction in behalf of the candidate.

1888, p. 159.

In case of the violation of the jurisdictional rights of one Lodge by another, by unlawfully receiving the application of a candidate, or by conferring upon such any degree of Masonry, the Lodge so offending shall pay to the Lodge whose rights have been invaded, the fee received, and shall suffer such further penalty as the Grand Lodge may see fit to impose.

1886, p. 269.

Where there is more than one Lodge in place of residence, the consent and recommendation of one is sufficient waiver of jurisdiction.

1877, pp. 18, 47.

Jurisdictional lines between Sullivan and Rockingham Lodges defined.

1888, pp. 158-160.

#### LOTTERY.

Particular Lodges are forbidden to engage in lotteries or other gambling enterprises.

1883, pp. 222, 247.

## LEGITIMATE FREEMASONRY.

For the purpose of preserving the integrity of our organization and making known to the members of the Fraternity its position in relation to the bodies which it regards as rightful and legitimate, the Grand Lodge hereby declares and recognizes as lawful, regular, and Masonic, the following designated bodies and their subordinates, established within its jurisdiction, namely :

The General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapters of the several states and territories of the United States.

The Royal Arch Chapters and other bodies under their jurisdiction.

The General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States.

The Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters of the several states and territories of the United States.

The Councils of Royal and Select Masters under their jurisdiction.

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States.

The Grand Commanderies of Knights Templar of the several states and territories of the United States.

The Commanderies of Knights Templar under their jurisdiction.

The Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, of which Henry L. Palmer is most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander.

The various bodies under the jurisdiction of said Supreme Council, with all the powers, privileges and prerogatives belonging to them, and incident to the enjoyment thereof by them respectively.

1895, p. 268.

## MASONIC CLOTHING.

See “Processions.”

## MEMBERSHIP.

A Lodge rejecting an applicant for membership does not thereby gain jurisdiction over him.

1895, pp. 238, 261.

One whose membership is forfeited can only be restored by unanimous ballot.

1884, pp. 25, 57.

One suspended from membership may be restored by a two-thirds vote.

1884, pp. 25, 57.

Honorary membership is not recognized by Grand Lodge.

1871, p. 159.

See “Jurisdiction.”

## NAME.

A Brother who changes his name should have the fact recorded on the Lodge books.

1878, pp. 20, 55.

See “Warrant.”

## NON-AFFILIATE.

A Brother receiving one or two degrees in a Lodge and then removing and receiving the remaining degree or degrees in another Lodge and failing to become a member of the latter is a non-affiliate.

1887, pp. 29, 51.

See “Membership.”

## NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

It is not necessary that the charges in case of non-payment of dues be read in open Lodge previous to a trial, although it would be better to do so.

1896, pp. 33, 68.

See "Trials."

## OBJECTION.

The right of objection after ballot does not apply to a Brother not a member of the Lodge.

1896, pp. 33, 68.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

See "By-Laws."

## PHYSICAL IMPERFECTION.

An applicant who has lost the thumb and second finger of his right hand is ineligible.

1877, pp. 18, 47.

An applicant who has lost his left arm below the elbow is ineligible.

1878, pp. 20, 55.

## POWERS OF GRAND LODGE.

The Grand Lodge can exercise no powers in violation of its Constitution.

1882, p. 148.

## PROCESSIONS.

Masons should not appear in public as such, except for Masonic work.

1877, pp. 18, 47.

None but Master Masons can join Masonic processions, and attend Masonic funerals.

1881, p. 54.

Masons should not appear in public at a funeral, or other time wearing Masonic clothing, unless the Lodge is open on the Master Mason degree and takes a part.

1888, p. 153.

A Lodge cannot appear in public at a funeral, unless Masonic burial is performed.

1895, pp. 237, 261.

#### REIMBURSEMENT.

See "Aid."

#### RELIEF.

See "Aid."

#### RESIDENCE.

A man's legal residence is his Masonic residence.

1884, pp. 25, 46, 57.

By residing temporarily in a place a man does not gain a Masonic residence.

1884, pp. 25, 46, 57.

Residence coupled with the intention of remaining permanently is required to make the place of residence the domicile.

1887, p. 69.

See "Jurisdiction."

#### RETURNS.

Every Lodge in making returns to Grand Lodge, must give the names in full.

1871, p. 175.

#### RESTORE.

See "Membership."

## SEAL.

Every Lodge shall have a seal, and furnish an imprint thereof in such manner as the Grand Secretary may prescribe, to be filed with the records of Grand Lodge.

1873, p. 58.

The seal of the Lodge must not be used on a certificate to enable any one to apply for aid.

1881, pp. 29, 65.

## TRIALS.

Accused may waive exceptions and advantages.

1871, p. 150.

Accused may testify.

1870, p. 56; 1871, p. 157.

Admissible. The Master decides what evidence is admissible.

1871, p. 172.

Affidavits not admissible as evidence.

1871, p. 172.

Amended. Charges cannot be amended by introducing a new offence.

1871, p. 172.

Appeal. The right of appeal is inherent in every Mason.

1871, p. 149; 1872, p. 93.

Appeal. Either side may appeal from the decision of the Lodge.

1872, p. 93.

Attendance. It is the duty of members to see that a Brother has justice by attending his trial.

1874, p. 49.

Charges. Although a date may be alleged, it need not be proved precisely as laid.

1872, p. 88; 1890, p. 73.

Defect in form of charges should be disregarded if the substance thereof can be gathered from the description.

1871, p. 171.

The preferring of charges does not deprive the accused of his right to vote in the Lodge.

1883, p. 247.

It is the official duty of the Junior Warden to prefer charges.

1871, p. 151.

Charges and Specifications, distinction between.

1871, p. 161.

Criminal. A Lodge at the trial of a member is a criminal, not a civil, court.

1873, p. 49.

Default cannot be taken by the non-appearance of the accused.

1873, p. 49.

Evidence. A decree of judgment of divorce on ground of adultery is not competent.

1891, p. 160.

Letters are hearsay and not admissible as evidence.

1870, p. 60; 1872, p. 96; 1880, p. 59.

Matter told witness by third party in absence of the accused is hearsay and incompetent.

1881, p. 48.

Record of conviction of crime in a civil court is hearsay and not admissible.

1873, p. 51; 1884, p. 56; 1896, p. 60.

Members who have not heard all the evidence may vote on the question of guilt.

1871, p. 158.

Grand Lodge reserves the right to revise the sentence of a particular Lodge.

1872, pp. 93, 95; 1874, p. 51; 1880, p. 65.

Guilty. A plea of guilty cannot be entered by the Lodge or counsel without consent of the accused.

1873, p. 49.

Impeachment of a Master defined.

1870, p. 62.

Incompetent. See "Evidence."

Junior Warden. It is the official duty of the Junior Warden to prefer charges.

1871, p. 151.

Master. Impeachment of defined.

1870, p. 62.

Decides what evidence is admissible.

1871, pp. 148, 172.

Decides when a trial shall be held.

1871, p. 148; 1876, p. 41.

May, if he deems it proper, give instruction to the Lodge relating to the case on trial.

1896, p. 67.

Notice. Defect in mailing notice cured by appearance of the accused for trial.

1893, p. 57.

Notice to the accused should be such as would allow him time to procure counsel and the attendance of witnesses, and to properly prepare his case.

1872, pp. 94, 97.

Due diligence must be used to ascertain the address of the accused.

1872, p. 95 ; 1881, p. 50.

Non-payment of Dues. Transcript in cases of trials for non-payment of dues should not be sent to the Grand Master, except in case of appeal.

1876, p. 39.

Outlaw. Masonic offences do not outlaw by lapse of time.

1896, p. 67.

Penalty. When a Lodge, after conviction of the accused, fails to inflict penalty commensurate with the crime it is the duty of the Grand Lodge to do so.

1890, p. 76.

Plea of guilty cannot be entered by the Lodge or counsel without consent of the accused.

1873, p. 49.

Sentence of a particular Lodge may be revised by the Grand Lodge.

1872, pp. 93, 95 ; 1874, p. 51 ; 1880, p. 65.

Specification may be indefinitely postponed.

1872, p. 91.

Distinction between charges and specifications.

1871, p. 161.

Transcript of trial, what it should contain.

1876, p. 45 ; 1877, p. 41.

Record of the Lodge and minutes of testimony should be kept separate.

1885, p. 179.

When the record fails to show what took place, or what took place is unfit to be written, it may be supplied by oral statement before the Committee.

1871, p. 156,

Manner of conducting trials.

1877, pp. 41, 42, 43.

Manner of conducting trials for non-payment of dues.

1893, p. 52.

Tyler if he does not hear the evidence should be excused from voting.

1872, p. 91.

Voting. Separate votes should be taken on each specification.

1896, pp. 64, 66.

Members who have not heard all the evidence may vote on the question of guilt.

1871, p. 158.

If the Tyler does not hear the evidence he should be excused from voting.

1872, p. 91.

#### VISITATION.

Visitation is, in general, a right, but it is not a limitless right. The Master has the power to exclude.

1876, p. 35; 1880, p. 70.

The Master controls the admission of visitors.

1871, p. 148.

See "Diploma."

#### WAIVER OF JURISDICTION.

See "Jurisdiction."

#### WARRANT.

The Grand Lodge will not grant a warrant to a Lodge to be named after any living person.

1880, p. 86.

# FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS

*Prepared by order of the Grand Lodge, and directed  
to be printed with the Constitution.*

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## [1]

### FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY, IN GRAND LODGE, OF MASTER OR WARDEN OF A PARTICULAR LODGE.

(SECTION 4.)

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable  
Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New  
Hampshire :*

I hereby appoint Brother \_\_\_\_\_, my proxy, to represent me,  
as \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, at the (*semi-*) Annual Com-  
munication of the Grand Lodge, to be holden at \_\_\_\_\_, on  
the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 18 \_\_\_\_\_,

Witness my hand and seal at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
A. . . L. 58 \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 18 \_\_\_\_\_.

[L. s.] \_\_\_\_\_ A. B., \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_.

## [2]

### FORM OF DEPUTATION BY THE GRAND MASTER.

(SECTION 26.)

*To all the Fraternity to whom these Presents shall come :*

Know ye, That I, \_\_\_\_\_, Grand  
Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in New Hampshire,  
reposing full trust and confidence in the care, skill, and good con-  
duct of our (*R. . . H. . .*) Brother \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby appoint and  
depute the said (*R. . . H. . .*) Brother \_\_\_\_\_, in my name and  
place, *to fully constitute, solemnly consecrate, and dedicate*  
*Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, to whom a Warrant of Constitution has been issued*  
*by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and to install its Officers in*

(due) *form, according to the ancient usages and customs of the Craft; at such time within            days thereof, as the said* shall appoint, and for so doing this shall be his sufficient Warrant.

Given under my hand and seal, at           , this            day of           , A. D. 18   , A. D. 18   .

[L. S.]

A. B., *Grand Master.*

In place of the clause in italics, clauses may be inserted: To dedicate a Hall, lay a Corner Stone, or perform any other act, which it may be the desire of the Grand Master to have done.

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#### FORM OF GRAND TREASURER'S BOND.

(SECTION 34.)

*Know all Men by these Presents :*

That we,            of           , in the County of           , and State of New Hampshire, as Principal; and           , and           , of           , as Sureties, are holden and stand firmly bound unto           , Grand Master of Masons in New Hampshire, in trust for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Hampshire, in the sum of            dollars, to the payment whereof, we hereby jointly and severally bind ourselves and our heirs respectively, firmly by these Presents, sealed with our seals, and dated this            day of           , A. D. 18   .

The condition of this obligation is such, That if the said           , who has been elected Grand Treasurer of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge aforesaid, shall well and truly discharge and perform all the duties of Grand Treasurer of said Grand Lodge, for the term of one year, and for such farther term or terms as he may be re-elected, according to the Constitution and General Regulations of said Grand Lodge, and especially shall safely keep all funds and other property of said Grand Lodge, or which may be deposited with said Grand Lodge, shall keep true and just accounts of the same, pay such orders as may be drawn upon him agreeably to said Constitution and General Regulations, or the vote of said Grand Lodge, and annually, and at such other times as may be required by the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master, lay before said Grand Lodge, or Grand Master, a particular statement of his accounts, and of the funds and property

in his hands, and at the close of his term, shall pay over and deliver to his successor in said office of Grand Treasurer, all books, papers, funds, or property of any kind in his possession as Grand Treasurer, then this obligation to be void.

A. B. [L. s.]

C. D. [L. s.]

E. F. [L. s.]

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# FORM OF GRAND SECRETARY'S BOND.

(SECTION 43.)

*Know all Men by these Presents :*

That we, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, and State of New Hampshire, as Principal; and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, as Sureties, are holden and stand firmly bound unto \_\_\_\_\_, Grand Master of Masons in New Hampshire, in trust for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Hampshire, in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, to the payment whereof, we hereby jointly and severally bind ourselves and our heirs respectively, firmly by these Presents, sealed with our seals, and dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 18 \_\_\_\_.

The condition of this obligation is such, That if the said \_\_\_\_\_, who has been elected Grand Secretary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge aforesaid, shall well and truly discharge and perform all the duties of Grand Secretary of said Grand Lodge, for the term of one year, and for such farther term or terms as he may be re-elected, according to the Constitution and General Regulations of said Grand Lodge, and especially shall receive all moneys that may be paid to him as Grand Secretary, and pay the same over to the Grand Treasurer, keep accurate accounts between said Grand Lodge and the particular Lodges, and annually, and at such other times as may be required by the Grand Lodge, or Grand Master, lay before said Grand Lodge, or Grand Master, a statement of his accounts, and of the accounts between said Grand Lodge and the particular Lodges, and at the close of his term, deliver to his successor in said office of Grand Secretary, all books, papers, funds, or property of any kind in his possession as Grand Secretary, then this obligation to be void.

A. B. [L. s.]

C. D. [L. s.]

E. F. [L. s.]

The Constitution requires certain steps to be taken before a Dispensation shall be granted for a new Lodge. It is believed that the Forms following contain nothing but what is essential should appear before the Dispensation be granted.

The Brethren desirous of forming a new Lodge first prepare and sign a petition therefor, in the form prescribed in Section 66 of the Constitution ; this petition is then submitted to the two nearest Lodges subordinate to the Grand Lodge, for their approbation and recommendation, at stated Communications of such Lodges, notice thereof having been given at previous stated Communications.

## [5]

## FORM OF APPROBATION AND RECOMMENDATION BY NEAREST PARTICULAR LODGE.

(SECTION 61.)

At a stated Communication of                      Lodge, No.                      , holden at                      , on the                      day of                      , A. . L. . 58                      , A. D. 18

The petition of several Brethren, praying for a Dispensation to open a new Lodge at                      , in the County of                      , was duly laid before the Lodge, pursuant to notice given at a stated Communication on the                      day of                      , A. . L. . 58                      , A. D. 18                      , when it was

*Resolved*, That this Lodge, being fully satisfied that the petitioners are Master Masons in good standing, and being prepared to vouch for their moral character and Masonic abilities, does approve the formation of such new Lodge, and recommend that the Dispensation prayed for be granted them.

A true copy of the record.

[L. S.]

A. B., *Secretary*.*Lodge, No.                      .*

Having obtained such approbation and recommendation from the two nearest Lodges, the petition and recommendations should be submitted to the D. . D. . G. . M. . of the District, for his approval and recommendation.

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## FORM OF APPROVAL AND RECOMMENDATION BY D.: D.: G.: M.:

(SECTION 61.)

The petition of several Brethren, praying for a Dispensation to open a new Lodge at \_\_\_\_\_, in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, with the approbation and recommendation of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, holden at \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ miles from the proposed location of said new Lodge, and of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, holden at \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ miles from said proposed location, has been laid before me; and being fully satisfied that the petitioners are Master Masons, and being prepared to vouch for their moral character and Masonic abilities, and believing such new Lodge will be for the good of the Craft, I approve the formation of such new Lodge, and recommend that the Dispensation prayed for be granted to them.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. . L. 58 , A. D. 18

A. B., *D.: D. G. . M. Masonic Dist.*

If a majority of the petitioners are members of a regular Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, they must also have the certificate of the Master and Wardens sanctioning the separation.

## [7]

## FORM OF SANCTION OF MASTER AND WARDENS.

(SECTION 64.)

The petition of several Brethren, a majority of whom are members of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, praying for a Dispensation to open a new Lodge at \_\_\_\_\_, in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, has been laid before us, and having considered the same, we hereby sanction and approve the separation of said Brethren from \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, and the formation of such new Lodge.

Given under our hands at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. . L. 58 ,  
A. D. 18 .

|                              |   |                   |
|------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| A. B., <i>Master,</i>        | } | <i>Lodge, No.</i> |
| C. D., <i>Senior Warden,</i> |   |                   |
| E. F., <i>Junior Warden,</i> |   |                   |

The Master and Wardens named in the Dispensation, then go before the Grand Lecturer of the District, and are by him examined as to their skill in the Work and Lectures, which should be entire familiarity with all the Work and Lectures in the three degrees.

## [8]

## FORM OF GRAND LECTURER'S CERTIFICATE.

(SECTION 63.)

In accordance with the provisions of Sec. 63 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have carefully and fully examined \_\_\_\_\_, recommended to be Master, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, recommended to be Senior and Junior Wardens, of a new Lodge, to be opened at \_\_\_\_\_, in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, and find them well skilled in the entire Work and Lectures of Ancient Craft Masonry.

Given under my hand at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. L. 58 \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 18 \_\_\_\_\_

A. B., *Grand Lecturer, Masonic Dist.*

These several papers having been procured, should be forwarded, with the receipt of the Grand Secretary for the Dispensation fee, to the Grand Master, who will consider the same, and if he deem it best for the interests of the whole Craft, he will issue his Dispensation, which may be in the following form :

## [9]

## FORM OF DISPENSATION.

(SECTIONS 22 AND 60.)

*To all whom it may concern :*

Know ye, That I, \_\_\_\_\_, Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in New Hampshire, having received a petition from a constitutional number of Brethren, who have been properly vouched for as Master Masons in good standing, setting forth, that having the honor and prosperity of the Craft at heart, they are desirous of establishing a new Lodge at \_\_\_\_\_, and requesting a Dispensation

for the same; which petition is accompanied by the approbation and recommendation of the two Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge nearest the place where the new Lodge is to be held, and of the District Deputy Grand Master of that District, and the certificate of the Grand Lecturer, that he has examined the Master and Wardens nominated in the petition, and found them well skilled in the entire Work and Lectures of Ancient Craft Masonry, *and the sanction of the Master and Wardens of*                      *Lodge, No. , of which a majority of the petitioners are members:* and good and sufficient cause appearing to me for granting the prayer of said petition: I do, by virtue of the power in me vested by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, and the ancient usages of the Craft, grant this my Dispensation, empowering Brothers                      , to meet as a regular Lodge at                      , by the name of                      Lodge; and I do hereby appoint Brother                      , to act as Master, Brother                      , to act as Senior Warden, and Brother                      , to act as Junior Warden of the said Lodge: and I do further authorize the said Brethren to enter Apprentices, pass Fellow Crafts, and raise Master Masons, according to the ancient usages and landmarks of the Craft, and the Constitution and Regulations of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, and not otherwise.

And this my Dispensation shall continue in force until the next Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, at which time I require and enjoin the said Brethren to return this Dispensation to the Grand Lodge aforesaid, together with an attested transcript of all their proceedings under the same, and their By-Laws, that the said Grand Lodge may advise thereon.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the Grand Lodge, at                      , this                      day of                      , A. L. 58 , A. D. 18 .

[L. S.]

A. B., *Grand Master.*

C. D., *Grand Secretary.*

At the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, the new Lodge returns to the Grand Lodge the Dispensation, with an attested transcript of their proceedings under it, and the By-Laws they have adopted. It is not absolutely required that they should present a petition for a Warrant, yet that course would seem advisable, and such petition may be in the following form:

## [10]

## FORM OF PETITION FOR WARRANT OF CONSTITUTION.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Hampshire:*

The undersigned respectfully represent, that they have, for some time past, met as a regular Lodge at \_\_\_\_\_, under the name of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, by virtue of a Dispensation from Most Worshipful \_\_\_\_\_, Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in New Hampshire, which Dispensation with an attested transcript of our proceedings, and our By-Laws, is herewith returned.

We would therefore pray, that a Warrant of Constitution be granted us for the said Lodge, which prayer being granted, we promise strict obedience to the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, and regular attendance on its Communications.

Dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. . L. 58 , A. D. 18 \_\_\_\_\_

If a Lodge vote to remove, in accordance with Sections 70 and 71 of the Constitution, the following forms may be used.

## [11]

## FORM OF PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF A LODGE.

(SECTION 71.)

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Hampshire:*

The undersigned respectfully represent, that \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, has heretofore met at \_\_\_\_\_, in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, that we are desirous to remove said Lodge to \_\_\_\_\_; that at a stated Communication of said Lodge, held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. . L. 58 , notice of our desire to remove was openly given in said Lodge; that every member of said Lodge was specially summoned to attend a stated Communication of said Lodge, held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. . L. 58 , for the express purpose of taking the subject of removal into consideration, at which last Communication the Lodge deemed such removal expedient; that there are \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Lodge: wherefore, we pray for permission to remove said Lodge to \_\_\_\_\_

Dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. . L. 58 , A. D. 18 \_\_\_\_\_

This petition should be accompanied by a copy of the Proceedings of the Lodge in the matter, attested by the Secretary, and the certificate of the Master and Secretary of the number of members. It must also be accompanied by the approbation of the two nearest Lodges.

## [12]

FORM OF APPROBATION FOR REMOVAL OF LODGE BY THE  
NEAREST PARTICULAR LODGES.

(SECTION 71.)

At a stated Communication of                      Lodge, No.     , holden  
at                      , on the           day of                      , A. L. 58     , A. D. 18    

The vote of                      Lodge, No.     , heretofore meeting at                      , in  
the County of                      , deeming its removal to                      expedient,  
was duly laid before the Lodge; when it was

*Resolved*, That this Lodge approve the removal of  
Lodge, No.     , from                      , to                      .

A true copy of the records.

[L. S.]

A. B., *Secretary*.

If it is desired to revive a dormant Lodge in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 77 of the Constitution, the following forms may be used.

## [13]

FORM OF PETITION FOR RESTORATION OF WARRANT WHICH HAS  
BEEN SURRENDERED WITH THE INTENTION OF RESUMING IT.

(SECTION 77.)

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted  
Masons in New Hampshire :*

The undersigned, Master Masons, respectfully represent, that on  
the           day of                      , A. L. 58     ,                      Lodge, No.     , hold-  
ing a Warrant of Constitution from the Most Worshipful Grand  
Lodge of New Hampshire, for certain reasons surrendered their War-  
rant to the said Grand Lodge, with the intention, expressed in said  
surrender, of resuming the same at some future and more auspicious

period; that we are now desirous of resuming the said Warrant, and of working under the same; wherefore we (the first                    having been members of said Lodge at the time of such surrender), pray that the said Warrant, together with the By-Laws, records, seal, clothing, funds, and other property of said Lodge, may be restored to us, and we be authorized to meet and work as a regular Lodge, agreeably to the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Lodge, and the ancient landmarks of the Craft.

Dated at                    , this                    day of                    , A. . L. 58                    , A. D. 18                    .

To be signed by at least seven Master Masons, at least four of whom were members of the Lodge at the time of its surrender of the Warrant.

[14]

FORM OF PETITION FOR RESTORATION OF WARRANT WHICH HAS BEEN SURRENDERED ABSOLUTELY, FORFEITED, OR REVOKED.

(SECTION 77.)

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Hampshire:*

The undersigned, Master Masons, respectfully represent, that on the                    day of                    , A. . L. 58                    , the Warrant of Constitution of                    Lodge, No.                    , was (*surrendered to said Grand Lodge*), (*declared to be forfeited by said Grand Lodge*). (*revoked by said Grand Lodge*). That we are desirous of reviving the said Lodge: wherefore we, (the first                    having been members of said Lodge at the time of such [*surrender*], [*forfeiture, and not having been implicated in any improper or unmasonic conduct*], [*revocation, and not having been implicated in any improper or unmasonic conduct*]), pray that the said Warrant may be restored to us, and we be authorized to meet and work as a regular Lodge, agreeably to the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Lodge, and the ancient landmarks of the Craft.

Dated at                    , this                    day of                    , A. . L. 58                    , A. D. 18                    .

To be signed by at least seven Master Masons, at least four of whom were members of the Lodge at the time of the surrender, forfeiture, or revocation of its Warrant.

Under the Constitution, it is believed this can only be done by the Grand Lodge, and not by the Grand Master.

Accompanying either of the above petitions, should be the approval of the two nearest Lodges in this State, and of the D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·.

[15]

FORM OF APPROBATION FOR RESTORATION OF WARRANT BY  
NEAREST PARTICULAR LODGES.

(SECTION 77.)

At a stated Communication of                      Lodge, No.   , holden  
at                     , on the                      day of                     , A.·. L. . 58   , A. D. 18

The petition of several Brethren, at least four of whom were members of                      Lodge, No.   , whose Warrant has been (*surrendered*), (*forfeited*), (*revoked*), praying for the restoration of such Warrant, was duly laid before the Lodge, when it was

*Resolved*, That this Lodge approve the restoration of the Warrant of                      Lodge, No.   , to the petitioners therefor.

A true copy of the records.

[L. s.]

A. B., *Secretary*.

[16]

FORM OF APPROVAL BY D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·. OF RESTORATION OF  
WARRANT.

(SECTION 77.)

The petition of several Brethren, at least four of whom were members of                      Lodge, No.   , whose Warrant has been (*surrendered*), (*forfeited*), (*revoked*), praying for the restoration of such Warrant, with the approbation of                      Lodge, No.   , holden at                     , miles from said                      Lodge, and                      Lodge, No.   , holden at                     , miles from said                      Lodge, No.   , has been laid before me, and being satisfied that the petitioners are Master Masons, of whom the first                      were members of said                      Lodge, No.   , and believing such restoration will be for the good of the Craft, I approve the restoration of said Warrant.

Dated this                      day of                     , A.·. L.·. 58   , A. D. 18   .

A. B., *D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·. Masonic Dist.*

The form of return is to be prescribed by the Grand Secretary from time to time, and as the necessary blanks are furnished the Lodges, it is deemed unnecessary to give any form here. The return should give the exact date of every degree conferred in the Lodge for the year, in the order in which the degrees were conferred, and this, although the candidate was returned the previous year, as having received a lower degree. It should contain the full name of each Officer and member. It should be made out and sent, with the dues, to the Grand Secretary immediately after the 15th of April, and before the first day of May, and *in no event* should it be retained till the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The petition of every candidate must be printed or in writing, signed by the applicant.

## [17]

## FORM OF PETITION TO BE MADE A MASON.

(SECTION 106.)

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of  
Lodge, No. , of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons :*

The petition of the subscriber, respectfully represents, that having long entertained a favorable opinion of your ancient Institution, he is desirous, if found worthy, of being admitted a member thereof.

He has before made application as a candidate to

Full name,

Place of residence,

Born in the town of , State of , on the

day of , A. D. 18

Occupation,

(Signed.)

A. B.

[18]

## FORM OF RECOMMENDATION OF CANDIDATE.

(SECTION 106.)

We are personally acquainted with the above applicant, and from a confidence in his integrity, and the uprightness of his intentions, recommend and propose him as a proper candidate for the mysteries of Freemasonry.

A. B.

C. D.

Great care should be taken in filling out the petition to ascertain definitely the domicile of the applicant, and whether he had ever applied to any Lodge for the degrees in Freemasonry.

[19]

## FORM OF CONSENT BY A LODGE, THAT A CANDIDATE WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION MAY APPLY TO ANOTHER LODGE.

(SECTIONS 111 AND 112.)

At a stated communication of      Lodge, No.      , (*on the Registry of the M. W. Grand Lodge of*      ,) holden at      , on the      day of      , A. S. L. 58      , A. D. 18     

The application of      , resident of      , within the jurisdiction of this Lodge, for the consent of this Lodge, that he may apply for and receive the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry in      Lodge, No.      , holden at      , was duly laid before the Lodge, when it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That this Lodge consent, that      may apply for and receive the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry in      Lodge, No.      , holden at      , they making due inquiry into his character.

A true copy of the records.

[L. S.]

A. B., *Secretary*.

The words in parenthesis to be inserted when the Lodge is not subordinate to the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, otherwise omitted.

[20]

FORM OF PERMISSION, BY THE GRAND MASTER OF ANOTHER  
STATE, FOR THE APPLICATION FOR THE DEGREES IN  
ANY LODGE IN THIS STATE.

(SECTION 112.)

*To all to whom these Presents shall come :*

Whereas, application has been made to me, by \_\_\_\_\_, a resident of \_\_\_\_\_, within the jurisdiction of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, on the Registry of the M. W. Grand Lodge of \_\_\_\_\_, for permission to apply for and receive the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry in \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, which application is accompanied by the consent of said \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, granted at a stated Communication, which consent under the seal of the Lodge is hereto annexed.

Therefore, Know ye, that I, \_\_\_\_\_, Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in \_\_\_\_\_, hereby grant this, my permission, that the said \_\_\_\_\_, may apply for and receive the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry in said \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_.

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and private seal, this  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. L. 58 \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 18 \_\_\_\_\_

[L. S.]

A. B., *Grand Master.*

[21]

FORM OF CONSENT THAT A REJECTED CANDIDATE MAY APPLY  
TO ANOTHER LODGE.

(SECTION 115.)

At a stated Communication of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, holden at \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. L. 58 \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 18 \_\_\_\_\_.

The application of \_\_\_\_\_, who was rejected in this Lodge on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. L. 58 \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 18 \_\_\_\_\_, on his application to be made a Mason, for the recommendation of this Lodge to \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, was duly laid before the Lodge, pursuant to notice given at a stated Communication on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. L. 58 \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 18 \_\_\_\_\_, when the secret ballot having been passed, he was thereby unanimously recommended to said \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_.

A true copy of the records.

[L. S.]

A. B., *Secretary.*

## [22]

FORM OF CONSENT THAT E. A. OR F. C. MAY APPLY FOR  
AND RECEIVE THE REMAINING DEGREES IN ANOTHER LODGE.

(SECTION 121.)

At a stated Communication of                      Lodge, No.                      , holden  
at                      , on the                      day of                      , A. . L. . 58                      , A. D. 18                      .

The application of                      , who was initiated as an E. A. .  
on the                      day of                      , A. . L. . 58                      , A. D. 18                      , and passed to  
the degree of F. C. . on the                      day of                      A. . L. . 58                      , A. D.  
18                      , in this Lodge, for the consent of this Lodge, that he may apply  
for and receive the remaining degrees in                      Lodge, No.                      ,  
was duly laid before the Lodge, when it was

*Resolved*, That this Lodge consent that                      , an E. A. .  
(or a F. C. .), may apply for and receive the remaining degrees in  
Lodge, No.                      , they making due inquiry into his  
character.

A true copy of the records.

[L. S.]

A. B., *Secretary*.

## [23]

## FORM OF RECOMMENDATION TO JOIN ANOTHER LODGE.

(SECTION 125.)

*To all whom it may concern :*

This is to certify that Brother                      is, at the date of these  
presents, a Master Mason in good and regular standing, and a mem-  
ber of                      Lodge, No.                      , and having paid all dues, and being  
free from all charges, he is, at his own request, by vote of said Lodge,  
recommended to                      Lodge, No.                      , for membership therein ;  
if elected and received in said                      Lodge, No.                      , then his mem-  
bership in this Lodge shall cease from the date of such reception ; if  
not received by said                      Lodge, then his membership in this  
Lodge remains unaffected hereby.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Lodge, at                      , this  
day of                      , A. . L. . 58                      , A. D. 18                      .

[L. S.]

A. B., *Secretary*,  
Lodge, No.                      .

The above should be used whenever it is desired to change the membership from one Lodge to another. The Secretary of the Lodge to which application for membership is made should immediately notify the other Lodge of the decision of the Lodge on the application. If it is desired to retire from the Lodge membership altogether, the following may be used :

[24]

#### FORM OF DIMIT.

*To whom it may concern :*

This is to certify that Brother \_\_\_\_\_ is, at the date of these presents, a Master Mason in good and regular standing, and having paid all dues, and being free from all charges, he is, at his own request, by vote of the Lodge, dimitted from membership in Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Lodge, at \_\_\_\_\_,  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. L. 58 \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 18 \_\_\_\_\_,

[L. S.]

A. B., *Secretary*,  
*Lodge, No.* \_\_\_\_\_

#### FORMS OF TRIALS AND APPEALS.

(SECTION 129.)

The first step toward a Masonic Trial is to prefer charges, or make a complaint. The requisites of a complaint are, that it be brief, and yet definite ; clearly pointing out the nature of the offense charged, with an accurate specification of the time, place, and circumstances of its commission. This may be preferred by any Brother, but more appropriately, by the Junior Warden, under whose charge the Brethren are when at refreshment.

[25]

## FORM OF COMPLAINT.

(RULE 1.)

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of                      Lodge,  
No.                      :*

Brother                      is hereby charged with immoral and unmasonic conduct in the matters following:

First specification, *That the said                      , on the                      day of                      , A. L. 58                      , in a public street at                      , was in a state of intoxication from the use of strong and spirituous liquors, in violation of his duty as a Mason, and to the scandal and disgrace of the Craft.*

Second specification, *That the said                      , on the                      day of                      , A. L. 58                      , at said                      , and at divers other times and places between that time and the date of these charges, was intoxicated by strong and spirituous liquors, although admonished therefor by the Master and Wardens of this Lodge, in violation of his duty as a Mason, and to the scandal and disgrace of the Craft.*

It is therefore demanded, that the said                      be tried for the said offenses according to Masonic law and usage.

Dated the                      day of                      , A. L. 58                      , A. D. 18

A. B., *Junior Warden.*

A new specification should be added for each separate state of facts constituting a Masonic offense. The specification should be stated as it is expected to be proved, with reasonable certainty as to time, place, and circumstances, shortly, but distinctly. A few forms are given, but it is obviously impossible to prepare a form for each case that may occur; it is hoped, as no technicality is required, the forms given may suggest the form in other cases.

[26]

## FOR SLANDER.

That the said                      did, on the                      day of                      , A. L. 58                      , at                      , in the presence and hearing of                      and others, use the following slanderous words of                      and concerning (*here insert the name of person or Lodge slandered*), (*then set out the words used as near as possible*).

[27]

## FOR CHEATING.

That the said , on the day of , A. . L. . 58 , at , did wrong, cheat, and defraud (*here insert the name of the person or Lodge defrauded*), by (*here insert a description of the method of cheating used*).

[28]

## FOR THREATENING TO INJURE THE LODGE BY BLACKBALLING CANDIDATES.

That the said , on the day of , A. L. . 58 , at , did threaten to impede the work of the Lodge, by an improper use of the blackball, in the following language (*here insert the language used as perfectly as possible*).

The charge should be given to the Secretary; the Master then directs a *special* Communication of the Lodge to be called to act upon the subject, and also directs the Secretary to notify the accused, by serving him with an attested copy of the charges and specifications, and a summons for his appearance before the Lodge.

[29]

## FORM OF NOTICE TO THE ACCUSED.

(RULE 1.)

To Brother :

Take notice, that the within (or foregoing) is a copy of the complaint and specifications preferred against you in Lodge, No. ; and that the Worshipful Master has called a special Communication of said Lodge, to be held on the day of , A. L. 58 , A. D. 18 , at o'clock, P. M., to consider said charges, and you are summoned and required to be present at the Lodge-room of said Lodge at that time, to make answer to said complaint and specifications, and receive the award of the Lodge thereon.

Dated the day of , A. L. . 58 , A. D. 18 .

A. B., Secretary,  
Lodge, No. .

The Constitution requires the notice to be a seasonable one,—that is, such notice as will give the accused time to obtain counsel, if he desires, to answer the charges, and to procure his evidence; no absolute rule as to time can be given, as what would be seasonable would vary with the nature of the charge, and the distance of the accused and witnesses from the Lodge. It should always be such that the same may be fairly heard.

The Secretary should keep a duplicate copy of the notice to the accused, which should be attached to the original complaint and specifications, and upon which he should make a return of the time and manner of service.

[30]

FORM OF RETURN OF SERVICE OF NOTICE TO THE ACCUSED.

(RULE 1.)

I certify that on the       day of       , A. . L. 58       , A. D. 18       ,  
(I gave the within-named       , in hand), a notice, of  
which the above is a true copy, together with a true and attested copy  
of the charges and specifications hereto attached.

Dated the       day of       , A. . L. 58       , A. D. 18       .

A. B., *Secretary*,  
*Lodge, No.       .*

In place of the clause in parenthesis may be either of the following, as the truth may be :

[31]

(I left at the abode of the within-named       , enclosed in an  
envelope, securely sealed and directed to him).

[32]

(I deposited in the post-office at       , enclosed in an envelope, securely sealed, and directed as follows (*give the direction on the letter exactly as sent*), “If not called for within ten days return to

, N. H.," and paid the postage thereon, which letter has [*not*] been returned to me).

The Secretary should also notify the Complainant.

[33]

#### FORM OF NOTICE TO COMPLAINANT.

*To Brother*

Take notice, that the Worshipful Master has called a special Communication of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, at the Lodge-room of said Lodge, on \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. L. 58 \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 18 \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, P. M., to consider the charges and specifications made by you against Brother \_\_\_\_\_, and Brother \_\_\_\_\_ has been duly notified to be present.

Dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. L. 58 \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 18 \_\_\_\_\_

A. B., *Secretary*,

*Lodge, No.*

To this a return should be made in the same manner as of the notice to the accused, the form of which may be altered for the purpose.

The accused should, at the day of hearing, make answer to the charges in writing. The following form is recommended:

[34]

#### FORM OF ANSWER BY ACCUSED.

A. B., in answer to the charges and specifications against him says, that he is not guilty of either of them as set forth by the accuser.

Dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. L. 58 \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 18 \_\_\_\_\_

A. B.

The answer may vary according to the facts in each case. The specifications may be admitted in part, and denied in part, or admitted and other matters pleaded in extenuation or mitigation. But as any advantage of that kind can as well be had at the trial on a general denial of the whole charge, it will usually be found that the form given will be most convenient.

To procure the attendance of witnesses on either side, if they are Masons, the Master will issue a summons to compel their attendance, which they are bound to obey, and should they refuse, without sufficient excuse, they may be punished therefor, as guilty of unmasonic conduct. They may attend voluntarily, when of course no summons is necessary. If they are not Masons, their attendance is of course wholly voluntary.

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## FORM OF SUMMONS TO MASON AS WITNESS.

*To Brother*

You are hereby summoned and required to attend a special Communication of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, to be held at their Lodge-room, on \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. L. 58, A. D. 18 \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, P. M., and there testify what you know relative to a complaint made by Brother \_\_\_\_\_ against Brother \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. L. 58, A. D. 18 \_\_\_\_\_.

A. B., *Master*,  
*Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_.*

The person serving the summons should make upon a copy of it a return of the time and mode of service.

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## FORM OF RETURN OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS OF WITNESS.

I certify that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. L. 58, A. D. 18 \_\_\_\_\_, I gave to the within-named \_\_\_\_\_, in hand, a summons, of which the above is a true copy.

A. B.

If the service was made in any other mode, as by leaving it at his house, etc., the return should state the exact mode of service.

Should occasion arise for taking the deposition of a witness, the Master should issue a commission to some suitable person, if possible a Master Mason, to take such deposition.

## [37]

## FORM OF COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION.

(RULE 4.)

To

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You are hereby authorized to take the deposition in writing of \_\_\_\_\_, of what he knows relating to a complaint and specifications made to \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, by Brother \_\_\_\_\_ against Brother \_\_\_\_\_

You will give reasonable notice, in writing, to both parties, of the time and place appointed by you for taking such deposition; the deponent will testify *upon his honor*; both parties may be present with their counsel, and put such questions as they may please and are relevant. If any question be proposed to the propriety or relevancy of which objection is made, you will write the question at length as asked; you will then write the objection, after which you will propose the question to the deponent, and write his answer, in the exact words used by him as near as possible. The deposition being completed, you will read the same to the deponent, and after he has signed it, you will securely seal the same, together with this commission and your return of your doings thereon, in an envelope in his presence, and return the same to \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. . L. 58 , A. D. 18

A. B., *Master,*  
*Lodge, No.*

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## NOTICE TO PARTIES OF TAKING DEPOSITION.

(RULE 4.)

To Brother

and Brother

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Take notice, That on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. . L. 58 , A. D. 18 , at \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock in the \_\_\_\_\_ noon, by virtue of a commission sent to me from Worshipful Brother \_\_\_\_\_, Master of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, I shall take the deposition of \_\_\_\_\_, of what he knows relating to a complaint and specifications made to \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, by Brother \_\_\_\_\_ against Brother \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. . L. 58 , A. D. 18

A. B., *appointed to take*  
*such deposition.*

A return of the service should be made as in other cases.

No particular form is necessary in the deposition, the only object being to give, so far as practicable, the language and manner of the witness. If either party desires it, the questions and answers may both be written. If objection is made to any question as leading or irrelevant, or for any other cause, the question, the objection, and the answer should each be written, that the Lodge may judge of the propriety of the question and answer. If any objection is made to the person appointed to take the deposition, or to any other part of the proceedings, it should be made and noted in the return to the commission. The commencement of the deposition may be as follows :

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#### FORM OF COMMENCEMENT OF DEPOSITION.

(RULE 4.)

I,                      , of                      , on my honor (*as a Mason*), depose and say, etc.

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#### FORM OF RETURN ON COMMISSION TO TAKE A DEPOSITION.

(RULE 4.)

Pursuant to the annexed commission, on the                      day of                      , A. . L. . 58   , A. D. 18   , I notified both the parties in writing, that on the                      day of                      , A. . L. . 58   , A. D. 18   , at                      , in                      , at                      o'clock, in the                      noon, I should take the deposition of the said                      , and at said time and place the appended deposition was given, the parties being present and putting such questions as they pleased. After such deposition had been reduced to writing, it was by me read to said deponent, who afterward signed the same.

*(The accused objected to the person appointed to take the deposition, because he was not a Mason.)*

*(The complainant objected to the caption, because the notice given him was too short to enable him to get his counsel present.)*

Dated the       day of       , A. L. 58 , A. D. 18

A. B., appointed to take  
such deposition.

If either party was not present, the return should show who was present and who absent.

If any other objection is made to the deposition, or any part of it, the person appointed to take it will not attempt to judge of the validity of the objection, but will return it, with such facts as may be necessary to the proper understanding of it, to the Lodge for their judgment. He should place the commission, copy of notice to the parties, return of service thereon, and the deposition, in an envelope, securely seal the same, and direct it as follows :

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FORM OF DIRECTION ON SEALED ENVELOPE CONTAINING DEPOSITION AND OTHER PAPERS.

To       Lodge, No.       , of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons :

Enclosed is the deposition and accompanying papers of       , taken to be used in the matter of the complaint of Brother against Brother       , now pending in said Lodge. Taken and sealed up by me, in the presence of the deponent, this       day of       , A. L. 58 , A. D. 18

A. B., appointed to take  
such deposition.

If any papers are produced, they should be marked with letters or numbers, and referred to thereby in the deposition, and then attached to it.

On the day appointed, the Master opens a special Communication of the Lodge on the third degree, when the complaint, specifications, notices to the accused and to the

complainant, and the answer of the accused are read. If any objection exists to the regularity of any of the proceedings, it should then be made, when the Master will determine it. There being none, or having been overruled, the evidence is then presented. If any objection is made to any part of the evidence, the Master will determine it. The evidence having all been presented, the counsel or the parties will be permitted to make such remarks, pertinent to the case, as they may wish, when the parties with their counsel will retire, and the Lodge will then proceed to determine the question of guilt and the nature of the punishment.

## [42]

FORM OF RECORD OF SPECIAL COMMUNICATION FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF MASONIC TRIAL.

(RULE 9.)

A special Communication of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, of A. . F. . and A. . M. ., was held at \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_, the day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. . L. 58 \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 18 \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, P. M.

*Present:* W. . A. B., Master, etc.

*(The full Christian and surname, with the initials at least of all middle names, of all Officers and members should appear. If there are visitors, as none can be admitted but members of the Grand Lodge, the record should show their rank, and their right as members of the Grand Lodge).*

The Lodge was opened in due form on the third degree in Masonry.

This Communication was called for the special purpose of considering the complaint and specifications made by Brother \_\_\_\_\_ against Brother \_\_\_\_\_.

The complaint, specifications, notices, returns, and answer of the accused, having been read,

Brother \_\_\_\_\_ was appointed to take minutes of the evidence, etc., to be preserved on the files of the Lodge.

The evidence, as well on the part of the accused as on that of the complainant, was then presented and heard by the Lodge.

The parties with their counsel then retired.

The question, "Is the accused guilty or not guilty?" was then distinctly put to each member of the Lodge present, by name, commencing with the youngest, when the following Brethren said he was guilty: (*Here give the names of all those who voted guilty*).

And the following Brethren said he was not guilty: (*Here give the names of all those who voted not guilty*).

A majority of the members present find the accused to be guilty.

The question, "Shall the accused be expelled?" was then put in the same manner, when the following Brethren voted yes: (*Here give the names of those in the affirmative*).

And the following Brethren voted no: (*Here give the names of those in the negative*).

Two thirds not having voted in favor of expulsion, the question, "Shall the accused be suspended?" was then put in the same manner, when the following Brethren voted yes: (*Here give the names of those in the affirmative*).

And the following Brethren voted no: (*Here give the names of those in the negative*).

Two thirds not having voted in favor of suspension, the Master then ordered that the accused be reprimanded.

Brother \_\_\_\_\_ was then introduced, when the Master proceeded to administer the reprimand in open Lodge.

There being no farther business, the Lodge was closed in due form and in harmony, until the next stated Communication.

Attest:

A. B., *Secretary*.

If two thirds vote for either expulsion or suspension, of course the Lodge proceeds no farther with the question of the grade of punishment. Except in case of suspension the Lodge must determine in same manner whether the suspension be definite or indefinite.

The Constitution requires that some Brother be appointed to take minutes of the evidence, etc. The record of the evidence should also show all objections to the regularity of the proceedings, or to the admission of evidence.

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## FORM OF RECORD OF EVIDENCE, ETC., ON THE TRIAL.

(RULE 8.)

At a special Communication of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, held at \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. . L. . 58 \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 18 \_\_\_\_\_, for the purpose of considering the complaint and specifications made by Brother \_\_\_\_\_ against Brother \_\_\_\_\_, the following complaint and specifications were read :

*(Here copy the complaint and specifications).*

The notices to the accused and the complainant, with the returns to the same, were then read, as follows :

*(Here copy the notices and returns).*

Brother \_\_\_\_\_, being then asked what answer he had to make to the said complaint and specifications, submitted the following answer :

*(Here copy the answer).*

Brother \_\_\_\_\_ requested that \_\_\_\_\_, not a Mason, might be admitted to assist him as his counsel, which was refused by the Master, it being contrary to Masonic usage to admit as counsel any person not a Mason.

Brother \_\_\_\_\_ then requested Brother \_\_\_\_\_ to assist him as his counsel, who consented to do so.

Brother \_\_\_\_\_ then objected to the second specification as not being sufficiently definite and certain, which was overruled by the Master.

Brother \_\_\_\_\_ was then called as a witness by the complainant, in support of said charges, and testified as a Master Mason as follows : I reside in \_\_\_\_\_, am a member of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, in good and regular standing. I am acquainted with Brother \_\_\_\_\_ ; I saw him on Main street in \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. . L. . 58 \_\_\_\_\_. I was on the opposite side of the street ; he appeared to be much intoxicated,——

Objection was made to witness testifying as to the appearance of the accused, saying that he should state what the accused did, and how he acted ; stating his appearance being but stating his conclusion from what he saw ; but the objection was overruled.

I saw him five or ten minutes ; he reeled as he walked, etc., *(as the facts may be).*

On cross-examination he further testified: I knew that Brother had been sick for several days. Am a physician; do not think Brother's reeling and staggering while walking was the result of weakness caused by his sickness. Can conceive of a man's being so weak from sickness long continued as to reel like a man intoxicated. Am certain this could not have been the case with Brother. Have none but the kindest feelings towards Brother. May have said he was drinking too much of late, etc.

The Lodge having been properly cautioned, Mr. was then called as a witness by the complainant and testified on his honor, as follows: (*Here give the testimony as in the case of the first witness*).

On cross-examination Mr. further testified, etc. (*Here give the cross-examination*).

The complainant then offered the deposition of Brother

Objection was made to this deposition, because the person appointed to take it was not a Mason, which was overruled by the Master.

Objection was further made because the notice given the accused was too short to enable him to get his counsel present, which appearing to be the fact, the deposition was rejected.

(Or) it appearing that the counsel relied on was not a Mason, and could not have appeared, and that the accused was present and asked such questions as he saw fit, the objection was overruled, and the deposition was read and is hereto annexed, marked (A).

The evidence on the part of the complainant here closed.

The evidence was then closed.

Attest:

A. B., *appointed to take  
minutes of the evidence.*

These minutes are thus given in a somewhat extended form, because they present a convenient way of calling attention to certain facts and proceedings in the course of a trial. Thus, the statement of objections by either party, and the grounds of them, and the decision thereon, both of which should always be stated; that a person not a Mason was not permitted to act as counsel, but that the accused had or had not counsel; that the first witness testified in his character as a Master

Mason; that the Lodge was properly cautioned before the admission of the second witness, who was not a Mason, and made his statement on his honor; that the testimony is taken down as near as practicable in the words of the witness, etc.

In case the accused is suspended or expelled, it may be desirable that he should be officially informed of it.

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#### FORM OF NOTICE OF CONVICTION.

To

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Take notice, that at a special Communication of      Lodge, No.      , held at      , on the      day of      , A. L. 58      , A. D. 18      , upon consideration of the complaint and specifications made by Brother      against you, it was adjudged and determined by the Lodge that you are guilty of the offence charged in said complaint and specifications, and that you be expelled (*or suspended*) from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

Attest:

A. B., *Secretary,*  
*Lodge, No.*

It is the duty of the Secretary, in case of expulsion or suspension within thirty days, and before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, to transmit full copies of everything relating to the trial to the Grand Master. This is required to enable the Grand Master and the Committee on Trials and Appeals to examine them, and if any informality exists, send them back to the Lodge for correction. If the Secretary omits therefore to put in everything, he will be called upon to furnish the whole series anew, and corrected.

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#### FORM OF REPORT TO GRAND MASTER.

(RULE 9.)

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in New Hampshire:*

The following are true copies of all the papers and proceedings, in and by      Lodge, No.      , in the matter of the complaint made



6th. Because the evidence was not sufficient to warrant the verdict of the Lodge.

7th. Because the Lodge erred in fixing the penalty of suspension by a mere majority vote.

All of which appears by the papers, proceedings, and evidence in the case.

Dated the            day of            , A. . L. . 58    , A. D. 18    .  
A. B.

This appeal must be filed with the Secretary, within one month of the decision, and is returned by him to the Grand Master, with the other papers and proceedings in the case.

It may be desirable for the appellant to retain a copy and have it at the Grand Lodge.

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## NOTICE OF APPEAL.

(RULE 10.)

$$T_o$$

Take notice, that I have taken an appeal from the decision of  
Lodge, No.           , in the matter of the complaint and specifications made by you against me, and that I shall prosecute the same at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, on the day of           , A. L. 58   , A. D. 18

This notice should be served as other notices, and a return made, which the appellant should have with him at the Grand Lodge.

The appeal by the complainant, and notice, should be like the above, with the necessary alterations, which can easily be made.

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FORM OF PETITION FOR RESTORATION.

(SECTION 133.)

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of  
Lodge, No. :*

Respectfully represents \_\_\_\_\_, that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.. L.. 58 \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 18 \_\_\_\_\_, he was expelled (*or suspended*).



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## FORM OF IMPEACHMENT OF MASTER OF A LODGE.

(SECTION 137.)

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted  
Masons in New Hampshire :*

The undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
standing of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
Master of the \_\_\_\_\_ Masonic District), hereby impeach W. . Bro. \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Master of (said) \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, of  
unmasonic conduct in the matters following: (*Here insert specifications  
of the conduct complained of*).

Dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. . L. . 58 , A. D. 18 .

(*To be signed by the Impeachers.*)

The complaint against any member of the Grand Lodge, by an individual Brother against a Lodge, or by one Lodge against another, may be in similar form to the complaint in a particular Lodge (Form 25), except the address, which should be, "*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in New Hampshire.*" Upon receiving the impeachment of a Master, or the complaint against a member of the Grand Lodge, or a particular Lodge, the Grand Master issues a commission for trial.

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## FORM OF COMMISSION FOR TRIAL IN GRAND LODGE.

(SECTION 141.)

*To R. . W. . Brothers* \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

Know ye, that I, \_\_\_\_\_, Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in New Hampshire, by virtue of the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and ancient Masonic usage, hereby appoint and commission you to examine and try the matters named in the annexed impeachment (*or complaint and specifications*). In performing this duty, you will cause the accused to be served with an attested copy of the complaint and specifications, and notify both

parties of the time appointed by you for hearing the matter, a reasonable time before such hearing. You will proceed with the trial, according to Masonic law and usage, agreeably to the rules for the regulation of trials in particular Lodges, so far as the same may be applicable, and return to me, with this commission, attested copies of all your proceedings, together with your findings in both matters of law and fact, with any recommendations you may think proper.

Witness my hand and private seal, this            day of            ,  
A. . L. 58    , A. D. 18    .

A. B., *Grand Master.*

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#### FORM OF NOTICE TO THE ACCUSED.

*To (insert proper name and title of the accused) :*

Take notice, that the annexed is a true copy of the complaint and specifications preferred against you to the Most Worshipful            , Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in New Hampshire, on the            day of            , A. L. 58    , A. D. 18    , and that we have been appointed by him a Committee to hear and try the same, and that we will meet for that purpose at            , on            , the            day of            , A. L. 58    , A. D. 18    , at o'clock in the            noon, at which time you are hereby summoned and required to appear, and then and there make answer to said complaint, and be heard thereon.

Dated the            day of            , A. L. 58    , A. D. 18   

*( To be signed by the Committee. )*

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#### FORM OF NOTICE TO THE COMPLAINANT.

*To            :*

Take notice, that we have been appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in New Hampshire, a Committee to hear and try the complaint and specifications preferred by you against            , on the            day of            , A. L. 58    , A. D. 18    , and that we will meet for that purpose at            , on            , the            day of            , A. L. 58    , A. D. 18    , at            o'clock in the            noon, and the accused has been notified to be present.

Dated the            day of            , A. L. 58    , A. D. 18   

*( Signed by the Committee. )*

The names of all may be signed by the Chairman, he adding, "By \_\_\_\_\_, Chairman."

Returns should be made of the service of these notices, as in Form 30.

The accused having received notice of the complaint, etc., and of the appointment of the Committee, if he has any objection to either of the Committee, should make his challenge, that the Grand Master, if satisfied there is ground for it, may supply the vacancy. If there be probable ground for objection, the Brother challenged should remove all question by resignation.

The answer of the accused may be as in Form 34, or may be more particular. See the directions following Form 30.

The summons of witnesses, and depositions, may be similar to the forms in particular Lodges, and be issued by the Chairman of the Committee.

At the time appointed, the Committee meet and appoint one of their number to act as Clerk. The Constitution provides that the first named shall be Chairman. The trial will then proceed as in a particular Lodge.

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#### FORM OF RETURN TO COMMISSION.

*To the Most Worshipful \_\_\_\_\_, Grand Master of Ancient  
Free and Accepted Masons in New Hampshire :*

The Committee appointed by the annexed commission, having caused the accused to be served with an attested copy of the complaint and specifications, and notified both parties of the time and place appointed by them to hear and try the cause, as will appear by the notices and returns hereto annexed, marked "A" and "B," met at \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 18\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock in the \_\_\_\_\_ noon.

Present —

R.. W.. Bro.

“ “

“ “

“ “

“ “

Brother \_\_\_\_\_ was appointed to act as Clerk of the Committee.

The complaint and specifications annexed to the commission were then read.

The notices to the accused and to the complainant, with the returns to the same, hereto annexed and marked “A” and “B,” were then read.

The accused, being then asked what answer he had to make to the said complaint and specifications, submitted the answer, hereto annexed, marked “C.”

*(The record of the trial is then given as in Form 43.)*

The evidence being closed, after hearing both parties, we have found and determined *(here insert the findings both of law and fact)*.

We therefore recommend *(here insert such recommendations of punishment, as to the Committee seem just)*.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.. L.. 58, A. D. 18 .

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| A. B., | } Committee. |
| C. D., |              |
| E. F., |              |
| G. H., |              |
| J. L., |              |

Should the Committee fail to finish the hearing at one sitting, the return should show at what hour, and to what time and place, the hearing was adjourned, and at the commencement of the next sitting, the hour and place, when and where, it was recommenced, and who were present.

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#### FORM OF ADJOURNMENT, ETC., OF HEARING.

The Committee then at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, M., adjourned till \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, M., at the same place.

On                   , the           day of           , A. . L. . 58 , A. D. 18 , at  
o'clock in the           noon, the Committee met pursuant to  
adjournment.

Present—

R. . W. Bro.                                   , etc.

If the Committee recommend the suspension or revocation of the Warrant of a Lodge, they will also return the names of those members whom they find were concerned in the irregular or unmasonic conduct. See Section 78.

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FORM OF NOTICE BY GRAND MASTER OF SUSPENSION, AND  
SUMMONS TO ATTEND THE NEXT GRAND LODGE.

(TO INDIVIDUAL.)

*To Brother*

:

Take notice, that the Committee appointed to hear and try the complaint made against you on the           day of           , A. L. 58 , A. D. 18 , by           , having fully heard the matter, have found and determined (*here insert so much of the findings as is necessary*), and recommend (*here insert the recommendation*).

You are therefore suspended from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, till the pleasure of the Grand Lodge be known, and are summoned and required to attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, on the           day of May next.

Dated the           day of           , A. . L. 58 , A. D. 18 .

A. B., *Grand Master*.

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FORM OF NOTICE BY GRAND MASTER OF SUSPENSION, AND  
SUMMONS TO ATTEND THE NEXT GRAND LODGE.

(TO A LODGE.)

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of  
Lodge, No.           :*

Take notice (*as in Form 56 to the close of the recommendation*).

The Warrant of your Lodge is therefore suspended, till the pleasure of the Grand Lodge be known, and you are summoned and required to attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge on the           day of May next, and to bring with you the Warrant and

records of your Lodge, with all books and papers in any wise relating to the said complaint, or referred to in the hearing before the said Committee.

Dated the       day of       , A. . L. 58 . A. D. 18 .  
A. B., *Grand Master*.

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#### FORM OF SUMMONS TO MEMBERS IMPLICATED.

(SECTION 78.)

*To Brothers (here insert all the names returned by the Committee):*

Take notice, that by the return of the Committee, duly commissioned to hear and try the complaint made by  
against       Lodge, No.       , it appears that you and each of you were implicated in the irregular and unmasonic conduct complained of. You are therefore summoned and required to attend the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, on the       day of May next, at which time the Grand Lodge will act on such return.

Dated the       day of       , A. . L. 58 , A. D. 18  
A. B., *Grand Master*.

A return of the service of each of the last three notices should be made to the Grand Master, to be by him returned to the Grand Lodge with the other papers.

At the Grand Lodge, the Committee on Trials and Appeals, to whom the papers will be referred, will not ordinarily hear any further testimony than appears in the return to the Commission, unless notice has been given that such evidence will be offered, but will determine the matter upon the evidence already taken.

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#### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER NEW TESTIMONY.

*To*       :

Take notice, that upon the hearing of the complaint, and return of the commission issued thereon, by       against  
the undersigned will offer evidence to prove (*here state what it is intended to prove*).

Dated the       day of       , A. . L. 58 , A. D. 18  
A. B.

If new evidence is offered, of course rebutting evidence will be received without notice.

The following form of records has been prepared, at the suggestion of many Brethren, who have had occasion to observe the loose way in which the records of some Lodges are kept. No obligation exists upon any Lodge to observe this form; and perhaps other forms may be in use equally, and perhaps more, distinct. Nor is it supposed that all the business here given could ever occur at any one Lodge meeting. It is hoped that it will furnish to Secretaries a model, which may assist many of them in what is to them an unaccustomed duty. One or two general suggestions may be pardoned. It is to be presumed that all Lodge meetings are regular, although some of them are *statcdly* held in pursuance of the By-Laws, and others *specialy* called by the Master. To distinguish a meeting therefore, as "*regular*," means nothing. The *full Christian and surnames* with initials of all other names, of every Brother present, should appear. If there be two of the same name, the whole of the middle name should be given, or the individuals otherwise distinguished. The capacity in which Brothers appear, as Officers, members, or visitors, should also be designated. If a Brother is temporarily acting in an office, it is neater and better to place "*as*" or "*acting as*," before the name of the office, than *p. t.* or *pro tem.*, after it. The record should show all money received at that Communication, which includes all received by the Secretary since the last Communication.

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#### FORM OF LODGE RECORD.

A stated Communication of *Strict Observance* Lodge, No. 100, of A. . F. . and A. M. ., was held at *Freemasons Hall* in *Kilkenny*, on *Thursday*, the *Twenty-fourth* day of *June*, A. . L. 5869, A. D. 1869, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

## PRESENT.

| <i>Officers.</i>               | <i>Members.</i>                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| W. . Benjamin F. Preston, M.   | Bro. William Morgan.            |
| Bro. Joseph W. Webb, S. W.     | “ John Davis Oliver.            |
| “ James Anderson, as J. W.     | “ Frederic Dalcho.              |
| “ John Knowlton, Treas.        | “ Moses M. Hayes.               |
| “ Horace Chase, Sec.           | “ Isaac DaCosta.                |
| “ John Dean Oliver, S. D.      |                                 |
| “ Anthony Sayre, J. . D.       | <i>Visitors.</i>                |
| “ Emanuel Rebold, Chap.        |                                 |
| “ Christopher Wren, Mar.       | M. W. Alexander M. Winn,        |
| “ Charles E. Starr, S. . Stew. | G. M. ., Fraternal Lodge,       |
| “ Amos Dermott, J. . Stew. .   | No. 71, Farmington.             |
| “ John Doe, Tyler.             | R. W. . Henry O. Kent,          |
|                                | D. . D. . G. . M. . 10th Dist., |
| W. George Payne, P. . M.       | North Star Lodge, No. 8,        |
| “ Stephen Morin, P. . M.       | Lancaster.                      |
|                                | Bro. Jeremy Cross, Solar Lodge, |
|                                | No. 14, Bath, Me.               |

The Lodge was opened in due form on the third degree in Masonry.

The records of the stated Communication, May 27th, and of the special Communications, June 10th and 19th, were read and approved.

The petition of Mr. Andrew Jackson for the degrees in Freemasonry, recommended by Brothers Anthony Sayre and Emanuel Rebold, and accompanied by the fee, was received and referred to a Committee for investigation.

The petition of Mr. Abraham Lincoln for the degrees in Freemasonry, recommended by Brothers John Knowlton and James Anderson, accompanied by the consent of Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 10, Bangor, Maine, and the permission of M. W. John H. Lynde, Grand Master of Masons in Maine, and by the fee, was received, and referred to a Committee for investigation.

The petition of Brother Joseph Balsamo, an Entered Apprentice, for advancement, recommended by Brothers Charles E. Starr and Horace Chase, accompanied by the consent of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, in which he was initiated, and the fee, was received, and referred to a Committee for investigation.

The Committee on the petition of Mr. Albert Pike to receive the degrees, reported thereon, whereupon he was balloted for and rejected; and the W. Master directed his fee to be returned.

The Committee on the petition of John Q. A. Fellows reported thereon, whereupon he was balloted for and elected.

The Committee on the petition of Brother Henry Fowle, to be admitted a member of this Lodge, reported thereon, whereupon he was balloted for and elected.

A Communication from Rising Sun Lodge, No. 39, at Nashua, asking information about one James Buchanan, was read and referred to a Committee consisting of Brothers George Payne, Emanuel Rebold, and John Knowlton.

A Communication from Mrs. Martha Jones, the widow of our late Brother John Jones, was read.

*Voted*, That the W. Master draw his order on the Treasurer for the sum of twenty-five dollars, and pay the same to Mrs. Martha Jones.

A Communication from Pythagoras Lodge, No. 1, at New York, on the register of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, was read and ordered to be placed on file.

The Committee appointed at the special Communication, June 19th, to prepare resolutions expressive of the feelings of this Lodge, on the death of our late Brother, John Jones, submitted the following: (*here insert the resolutions*), which were adopted.

The Committee appointed at the last stated Communication, to agree with the owner for the use of Freemasons Hall, reported: That they had taken a lease of the Hall for five years, at the rate of fifty dollars a year,—which report was accepted and the lease ratified.

The bill of Wood & Hall, for sundry articles furnished the Lodge, amounting to \$23.65, was presented, when it was—

*Ordered*, That the bill of Wood & Hall be paid.

The bill of Kilkenney Cornet Band, for services June 19th, was presented, and referred to a Committee consisting of the Master and Wardens.

The bill of the Tyler, for washing aprons, amounting to \$1.87, was presented, when it was—

*Ordered*, That the bill of John Doe be paid.

The Lodge of Master Masons was then closed, and a Lodge of Entered Apprentices opened in its stead.

Mr. John Q. A. Fellows, a candidate for initiation, being in waiting, was duly prepared, brought forward, and initiated as an Entered Apprentice, in due and ancient form.

Brother Arthur Craig, an Entered Apprentice, was then examined as to his proficiency in the first degree, which being satisfactory:

The Lodge of Entered Apprentices was closed, and a Lodge of Fellow Crafts opened in its stead.

Brother Arthur Craig, an Entered Apprentice, being in waiting, was duly prepared, brought forward, and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, in due and ancient form.

Brother William Martin, a Fellow Craft, was then examined as to his proficiency in the second degree, which being satisfactory :

The Lodge of Fellow Crafts was closed, and a Lodge of Master Masons opened in its stead.

Brother William Martin, a Fellow Craft, being in waiting, was duly prepared, brought forward, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, in due and ancient form.

Brother William Martin signed the By-Laws, and became a member of the Lodge.

The records of the evening were then read for correction, and approved.

There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in due form, and in harmony, till the next stated Communication.

Receipts :

|                               |      |         |
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| Mr. Andrew Jackson,           | fee, | \$25.00 |
| “ Abraham Lincoln.            | “    | 25.00   |
| Brother Isaac Da Costa, dues, |      | 1.00    |
| “ Frederic Dalcho, “          |      | 1.00    |
|                               |      | <hr/>   |
|                               |      | \$52.00 |

A true record.      Attest :

HORACE CHASE, *Secretary*.





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